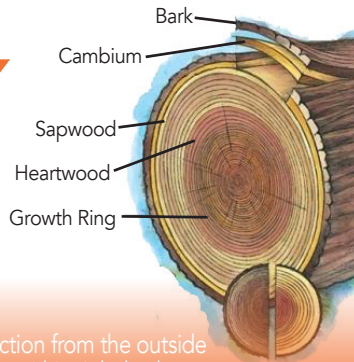


ANATOMY OF A SAPLING TREE



OUTER BARK is the tree's protection from the outside world. Continually renewed from within, it helps keep out moisture in the rain, and prevents the tree from losing moisture when the air is dry. It insulates against cold and heat and wards off insect enemies.

INNER BARK, or "phloem", is pipeline through which food is passed to the rest of the tree. It lives for only a short time, then dies and turns to cork to become part of the protective outer bark.

CAMBIUM cell layer is the growing part of the trunk. It annually produces new bark and new wood in response to hormones that pass down through the phloem with food from the leaves. These hormones, called "auxins", stimulate growth in cells. Auxins are produced by leaf buds at the ends of branches as soon as they start growing in spring.

SAPWOOD is the tree's pipeline for water moving up to the leaves. Sapwood is new wood. As newer rings of sapwood are laid down, inner cells lose their vitality and turn to heartwood.

HEARTWOOD is the central, supporting pillar of the tree. Although dead, it will not decay or lose strength while the outer layers are intact. A composite of hollow, needle-like cellulose fibers bound together by a chemical glue called lignin, it is in many ways as strong as steel. A piece 12" long and 1" by 2" in cross section set vertically can support a weight of twenty tons!

LEAVES make food for the tree, and this tells us much about their shapes. For example, the narrow needles of a Douglas fir can expose as much as three acres of chlorophyll surface to the sun. The lobes, leaflets and jagged edges of many broad leaves have their uses, too. They help evaporate the water used in food-building, reduce wind resistance— even provide "drip tips" to shed rain that, left standing, could decay the leaf.

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The EZ STEP SAPLING TREE support system consists of (3) EZ STEP-IN POST and (3) 8" EZ RING and was designed to work together giving the sapling enough movement. Allowing the sapling to move in the wind will strengthen the root ball and help prevent disease in the root system while providing vital nutrients and supporting healthy growth.

STEP 1

Take the 8" EZ RING and place them around the sapling one at a time.

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STEP 2

Attach the rod clamp to the EZ RING and do not attach it to the post.

STEP 3

Take your EZ STEP-IN POST and align the outside of the rod clamp on the outside of the post giving you the correct distance where you will install the post in the ground. Keep the EZ RING about 1/4" away from the sapling. Place the EZ STEP-IN POST in the ground anchor facing away from the sapling.

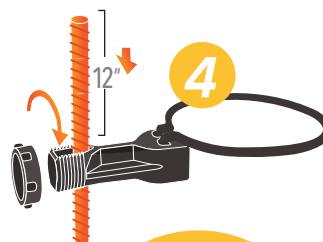
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STEP 4

Slide the rod clamp 12" down the EZ STEP-IN POST. Take the locking nut with the notches facing out and tighten it to the EZ STEP-IN POST making it secure.

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