

Celebrating Arbor Day



Arbor Day is a nationally celebrated observance that encourages tree planting and care.

National Arbor Day was founded by J. Sterling Morton in 1872, and is celebrated on the last Friday in April.

In recognition of Arbor Day
Roberts Conservation District is giving you a

Planting Instructions

- ◆ Plant your lilac in full sun and in well drained soil. *Lilacs need at least 6 hours of sun per day for maximum performance. Inadequate sun is the number one reason they fail to bloom.*
- ◆ Soak the bare root shrub in a bucket of water a few hours prior to planting.
- ◆ Bare root stock should be planted in a vertical position with the root collars approximately one-half inch below the soil surface. *The hole must be deep and wide enough to permit roots to spread out and down.*
- ◆ Mulch newly planted lilacs with 3-4 inches of bark

This shrub also can be trimmed into a single stemmed tree. Overgrown lilacs can be cut to within a few inches of the ground. Within 3-4 years, they will flower again, For a hedge, plant about 3-4 feet apart depending upon the mature height.

• GENERAL DISCRPTION - Lilac, *Common*



Type of tree:

The Fragrant Lilac falls into the following type (s): **Flowering Trees, Shrubs**



Mature Height:

The Fragrant Lilac grows to be 8' - 15' feet in height.



Mature Spread:

The Fragrant Lilac has a spread of about 6' - 12' at full maturity.



Growth Rate:

This tree grows at a medium growth rate



Sun:

This lilac does well in full sun, partial shade.



Soil:

The common lilac grows well in acidic, alkaline, moist, sandy, well drained soils.



Shape:

This lilac has rounded shape.

Leaves:

The leaves are opposite, simple, ovate, 2"-5" wide, dark green to bluish green in summer, no significant fall color.

Flower Color:

Very fragrant, light purple, 1/2" florets borne in 4"-8" panicles usually in pairs on previous year's growth. Attracts butterflies.

Bloom Time:

late spring.

