

## HOW TO LOOK AFTER A FRESHLY BUDDED TREE

The following information is applicable when buds from an outside source have been budded onto rootstock that Engall's Nursery has grown. For bio-security reasons, we are unable to grow the plant to maturity.

**Budding Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



*Just Budded*



*Taping the Newly Budded Plant*

After 4 weeks, check to see if your bud is still alive.

**Check Bud is Alive Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



*Dead Bud*



*Alive Bud*

If the bud is alive, prune off the top of the rootstock, cutting at a 45° angle 1 cm above the bud.

Cut Rootstock Top Off Date: \_\_\_\_\_



*Cutting the Rootstock*



*45 Degree Cut above Bud*

Over the following 3 – 6 months the rootstock will shoot, and the bud will also shoot.



*Removing Rootstock Shoots*



*Bud Shooting*

Remove all rootstock shoots by gently rubbing down the trunk and they will break off cleanly.



*Arrow Shows Rootstock Shooting*

As the bud continues to grow, keep removing any rootstock shoots. They will have a distinctly different leaf shape.

When the new shoot branches, prune side branches and train the new shoot to a single leader and stake.

Fertilise with Osmocote 8 - 9 month.

Once the leader has reached the top of the stake, cut it so the tree starts to branch.



*Pruning to Single Leader*

Keep the plant in full sun and water 2 – 3 times a week in summer, once a week in winter. Keep an eye out for pests and diseases.



*Pruned to Single Leader and Staked*

**One year from budding, you should have a small, healthy tree to plant.**