

## Help Save the Hemlocks!

Thank you for adopting this little hemlock. It is an Eastern Hemlock, also called Canadian Hemlock.

By planting it and caring for it as it grows up, you will be helping to preserve these beautiful trees that are in danger of being wiped out by the hemlock woolly adelgid.

If you would like more saplings for planting or want to learn more about what you can do to help save the hemlocks, please call the Hemlock Help Line<sup>SM</sup> 706-429-8010 or visit [www.savegeorgiashemlocks.org](http://www.savegeorgiashemlocks.org).

### FYI

Eastern or Canadian hemlocks (*Tsuga canadensis*) are *not* poisonous; see <http://plants.usda.gov/java/profile?symbol=TSCA>.

The poisonous kind (*Conium maculatum*) is a completely different plant; see <http://plants.usda.gov/java/profile?symbol=COMA2>.

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## Planting and Care Instructions

1. As soon as you get your little potted tree home, place it in a shady spot, keep it watered, and plan to plant it as soon as possible.
2. Choose a semi-shady, well-drained site to plant your hemlock. Dig the planting hole no more than 2-3 inches deeper than the pot or root ball but 3 times as wide.
3. Mix the soil you removed from the hole with a good soil amendment in a ratio of 2/3 original soil to 1/3 soil amendment. (Don't use sand, peat moss or vermiculite.) If you can find it, also add 2 cups of worm castings, composted hen manure, or mushroom compost per gallon of dirt mix. Put 2-3 inches of this dirt mix back into the hole.
4. Carefully remove the little tree from the pot by turning it upside down in your hand over the planting hole. Do not disturb the root ball.
5. Place the root ball in the hole and refill the hole half-way with dirt mix. Sprinkle 1 teaspoon of a soil-moist or water-saver product all around the roots of the tree, and then fill the hole the rest of the way up with your dirt mix. Firm the dirt with your foot to eliminate air pockets around the roots. Don't make a "watering saucer." The planted tree should now be sitting at grade.
6. Apply 3 inches of shredded hardwood mulch from the trunk out to the drip line. Then pull it back a few inches so it's not touching the trunk.
7. Immediately after planting, water thoroughly and slowly. For each gallon of pot size give 1 gallon of water, 1 capful of MiracleGro Root Stimulator, and 2 ounces of Bayer Advanced Tree & Shrub for 1 year of protection against the hemlock woolly adelgid.
8. During the first year give a gallon of plain water per week if no rain.
9. Check your tree frequently for signs of adelgids (white cottony egg sacs on underside of branches), and if you see any, call the Hemlock Help Line 706-429-8010 immediately.

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