



# Temporary Seedling Beds

and **potting** are convenient ways to maintain young seedlings, providing a temporary location for seedlings to mature and strengthen before transplanting.

## Guidelines for Temporary Seedling Beds

- Use for conifer, hardwood and shrub seedlings
- Choose a location with good soil drainage and adequate sunlight
- Use recommended soil mixtures for seedling beds

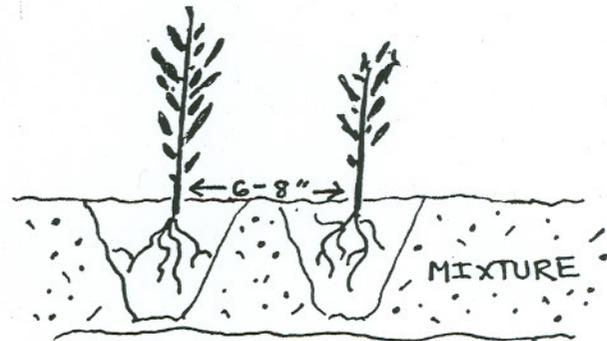
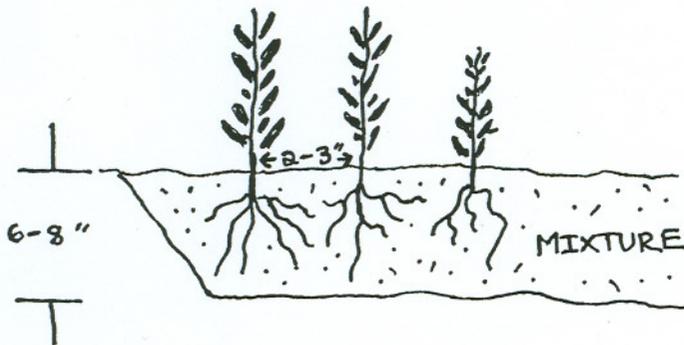
### Recommended Soil Mixtures:

- \* Sand only
- \* Sand & soil
- \* Sand & compost
- \* Perlite only
- \* Woodchips & Soil

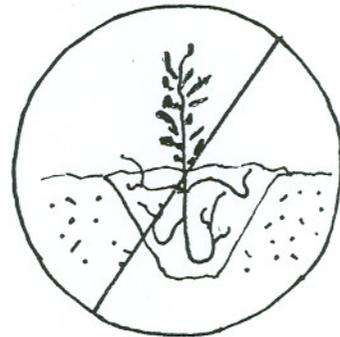
### Do NOT Use:

- \* Soil only
- \* Woodchips only
- \* Gravel only

- Plant seedlings 2 to 3 inches apart in a row, with rows 6 to 8 inches apart
- Protect seedling bed from rabbits with fencing



- Do not bend roots up (make mixture deep enough)
- Put all roots underneath the mixture
- Make sure to avoid/eliminate air pockets - firm soil around roots with soil and watering.
- Allow only up to 2 growing seasons in this temporary bed.



## Potting Seedlings

- Use a typical potting mix in a free-draining pot.
- Most seedlings will fit into 1/2-to-1 gallon pots. You may need a larger pot for seedlings with a tap root.
- Transplant seedlings into ground or a larger pot in 1-to-2 growing seasons.