

## TIPS FOR PLANTING YOUR NATIVE RED MULBERRY TREE

1. **SUN** I mentioned at the PS meeting that I root the cuttings in a shading location. I forgot to mention that my EXTREMELY productive red mulberry trees get half a day of sun (~high noon to sunset). Yes, of course you can stick your new bare-root mulberry in a 1 gallon or larger plastic pot filled with local wood chips (NOT imported ones from plastic bags) or leaves and keep it in a sheltered area until our “blizzard” is over and you have time to plant it.
2. **DEER** I also forgot to mention that newly planted mulberry trees need protection from hungry, self-medicating DEER. You can do this by inserting a tall pole (e.g., cut stalk of bamboo) or installing a large tomato cage over the newly rooted tree, then draping some type of netting (e.g., wildlife netting or light-weight crinoline netting from a fabric store, like the netting used for wedding veils) over the pole/frame. After the first year, your tree be hardy enough to survive deer browsing on lower leaves, but occasionally a deer will break one of the small branches on my young leaves.

ENJOY!

—Sydney