



## WHAT NEXT? Your grafted apple Tree!!!

### Suggestions for success!!!

1. **Keep your tree at school until June. Show everyone you know how to graft!! Your scion is well connected, growing from both buds. Water twice a week after the buds have pushed and are growing nicely. Fertilize with half strength Miracle Grow. Keep in full sun. Take it home when school is out in June. Keep watering!!**
2. **July 4<sup>th</sup>, before noon! Transplant your grafted apple tree to a five gallon can. Obtain some good quality potting soil, mix with top soil, add some compost and perhaps some long lasting (time release) fertilizer. Remove the green (or white?) tape from around the graft. Remove all green shoot growth below the graft. Re-write the variety name on the name tag. Keep the tree in full sun. If one of the buds has grown a strong and healthy shoot and the other is much smaller... you may wish to remove the smaller one and gently tie the stronger one to a small stake and help it to grow straight. If both buds have produced two very strong and nearly equal sized shoots... You may wish to leave both... and graft one of them to another variety next February!!! Water even more frequently during summer!! Last fertilizer dose in September. Full sun all summer and fall.**
3. **Thanksgiving Morning... Transplant your apple tree to a permanent location in your garden. Full sun! Dig a hole twice as wide as your five gallon can but not deeper than that five gallon can. Water thoroughly and protect your tree from critters (gophers, deer, gardener, neighbors)**
4. **Next year...Your apple may have many flowers in March and April. Enjoy them. Let them set tiny fruit but... remove almost all fruit when they are the size of a BB or tiny marble. Leave only ONE apple to grow to be the finest apple you ever ate. Remember, it takes 55 leaves to make a big juicy sweet apple. Protect your single apple with a brown paper bag during the month when you expect it to ripen in the fall. Enjoy that fantastic apple!!**
5. **Continue to practice your grafting skills. Add a second apple variety to your apple tree next year... and three more the next year!! Also, please . Check out our CRFG website... loaded with information!! Come to a local CRFG chapter meeting. They are usually free and open to the public!!**

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