



Dahoon holly

Ilex cassine

Height: 20 to 30 ft.

Spread: 8 to 12 ft.

Light requirement: full sun

Soil tolerances: clay; loam; sand; slightly alkaline; acidic; extended flooding; well-drained

Drought tolerance: moderate

Aerosol salt tolerance: moderate

Roots: not problematic

Outstanding tree: no

Verticillium wilt susceptibility: unknown

Dahoon holly is an attractive tree with glossy leaves and gray bark. Female trees bear berries which are attractive to many birds. Young trees should be trained to grow as single-stemmed specimen.

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<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/st299>

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12-Step Tree Adoption Aftercare Program

1. Look up! Avoid planting under overhead power wires and streetlights.
2. Call 811 to locate underground utilities, before digging a hole.
3. Select a planting location at least 6-8 ft. from pavements, & 15 feet from the nearest building.
4. Dig a hole 2-3 times WIDER, but the SAME length/depth as the root ball.
5. Gently remove root ball from container and check for root defects e.g. circling roots; if present, slit circling roots at diagonal points of an 'X' around the root ball.
6. Carefully place tree in the planting hole and position top of root ball 1-2 inches above the soil level.
7. Straighten the tree.
8. Half-fill the planting hole with soil.
9. Fill planting hole with water to get rid of air pockets.
10. Finish backfilling the hole with soil.
11. Add mulch in an 8 ft. diameter 'doughnut' around the tree but keep it away from touching the trunk.
12. Water (1 gallon) daily first 2 weeks; next 2 months - every other day; next 3 months - weekly.

For more information, watch this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Dmmaemw4io>