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LET'S
OAK

BUILD
TOPIA!



A SECRET SQUIRREL'S GUIDE

TO PLANTING YOUR OAK



LEGIT



As a valued member of **The Secret Squirrel Society for the Appreciation of Acorns (SSSAA)** you are part of a growing network of **oak activists**.

Together we will build Oaktopia.

OAK ACTION



WHAT?

These saplings are a mixture of **English Oak** (*Quercus robur*) and the **Cornish "Sessile" Oak** (*Quercus petraea*) from a **temperate rainforest** on the banks of the **Helford River**.

YOU WILL NEED

Oak sapling, trowel

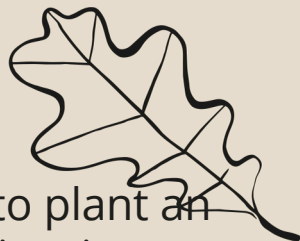
WHERE?



Choose a **sunny** location with **well-draining soil** and **space** for the oak tree to **grow really big**.

WHEN?

The best time to plant an oak sapling is in winter, whilst it is dormant. **Plant before March 1st**



HOW?

1. Prepare the soil by removing weeds or grass. You can use a nutrient-rich mix such as peat moss, perlite and compost.
2. Dig a hole as deep as the root ball and twice as wide.
3. Place the sapling in the hole, being careful not to damage the root ball.
4. Backfill the hole with soil and press down firmly around the root system.

SNEAKY TIPS

- **Water** regularly in the first year after planting and in summer.
- **Prune** away dead / damaged branches as needed.
- **Protect** your sapling from sneaky snacking critters by putting mesh around it.

NO SAPLING NO PROBLEM!

Find a **fresh acorn** in autumn and plant it in a pot of peat-free compost.

Bury it sideways about 2–3cm deep. Leave the pot in a sheltered spot outdoors over winter — nature will do the rest!

Keep the soil moist and watch for signs of growth in spring.



Once your oakling is strong enough (1–2 years old), you can plant it out following our guide on how to plant a sapling.

