

Common mistakes when renting a tree spade

- Fully read operator's manual before operating.
- It is very important to sequence the spades in going from opposite corners when putting them in. So, you would start with spade tower number one, then three, two and last number four. Then start the sequence over again. Maximum of 6" travel per spade per time.
- It is very important to verify the gate is properly closed before starting to put the spades in the ground as this could damage the frame of the unit.
- This tree spade pulls out a 44" ball of dirt. This would equate to a 4" diameter tree in a hardwood and a 5" diameter tree in a soft wood (measuring at the base of the trunk). If over this size it is likely the root base will be cut too small and this will kill the tree.
- The spades will never come completely closed on the bottom. So if working in loose soil it would be advisable to burlap the bottom so no material falls out when transporting.
- Plan ahead as far as pulling the plugs and trees. Pull the first plug and set it next to the last tree you plan to pull. Therefore you will only have one plug to move at the end of the transplanting process.