Introduction: Goji plants are quite adaptable, but will grow best if provided the most favorable conditions. They prefer soil with a pH between 6.8 – 8.1 (use oystershell lime to raise your pH, and sulfur to lower pH). Both indoors and out, gojis require a sunny location. If temperatures reach 100°F or higher, afternoon shade is suggested. An inch or two of mulch will assist with moisture retention. Keep new plants moist, but not saturated. Once established, they are drought tolerant.

Berries can be harvested relatively soon. Container planted bushes may yield berries the first year, while those planted directly into the ground will need at least three years for full fruit production.

Gojis planted in the garden can grow to 10’ high and 4’ - 8’ wide so plan wisely! Those grown in containers will be controlled by the depth of the pot since the height of the bush will cease to increase once the roots hit the bottom of the container.

Heeling In: When your bare root goji (or potted goji) arrives, open the plastic bags immediately. It is best to plant right away, within a week of delivery, however if you cannot plant right away, you may “heel in” the plants to protect them and keep them alive (but still dormant) until you are able to plant them in their permanent spot.

Outdoors: To heel in bare root plants outside, pick a location that is shielded from wind. Dig a trench about twice as deep as the roots are long, with one side of the trench sloping at a 45° angle. Cover the roots with soil or sand and gently tamp down to avoid air pockets. Periodically check the root area, keeping the soil moist.

Indoors: To heel in bare root plants indoors, whether due to snow or a frozen ground, choose a cool place like a root cellar, basement, or garage. It’s important to choose a place where the temperature stays between 38°F and 45°F. This is important so the goji’s roots neither freeze, nor do they break dormancy. Place the roots in a container with soil or sand and be sure to keep the root area moist. See our “Heeling in Bare Root Trees” video for more details.

Planting & Growing: Ideally, gojis should be planted soon after delivery. A potting mix of 1/3 sand to 2/3 good quality potting soil provides the best medium for growth and drainage. A 5 gallon container is sufficient for container grown plants. If you’re planning on transplanting them into the garden, they may be started in 4”-6” peat pots. Peat pots can be planted directly into the ground so that the roots are not disrupted during the transition.

It may be difficult to tell the top from the root of your goji berry plant. The root end may be slightly darker and rough, while the growing tip will be smoother and possibly grayish in appearance. If you are still unsure you may lay the roots sideways and cover them lightly with soil to see which end sprouts.

Plant your goji berry plant with the crown (the point where the root starts) at soil level. Water and push up soil as it settles to achieve the correct depth. Avoid fertilizing with high nitrogen as this can lead to excessive vegetative growth.
Limited Dormant Tree & Plant Guarantee (When Planted in the Ground by April 1st)

Claim Deadline is June 1st (with the exception of persimmon trees, which have a deadline of June 15th). Claims placed after June 1st (or June 15th for persimmon trees) will be denied.

Please note: Our trees will come to you topped off at approximately 3 ft. in height to put the tree's stored energy into root development vs. foliage production.

What We Guarantee
Our only guarantee is that your dormant tree/plant will arrive in good, viable condition and will leaf out by May 15th (historically 98% of our trees do). This guarantee is only available to customers who purchased their tree/plant directly from us, and who planted their tree/plant in the ground by April 1st (or temporarily in a pot if the ground in their zone was still frozen solid).

What We Cannot Guarantee
We cannot guarantee that your tree/plant remains alive & healthy, or bears fruit, as there are too many variables beyond our control in order to do so (i.e. soil preparation, planting, fertilization, weed & pest control, adequate irrigation and/or drainage, chill hours, compatible hardiness for your zone, proper choice of pollinator, etc).

How to Request a Credit
If your tree/plant does not leaf out by May 15th, please perform a scratch test by checking for green under the bark, a few inches over the graft. If the scratch test reveals a brown cambium, that means your tree/plant is dead or dying. Watch our video titled Bare Root (Dormant) Warranty on how to perform this simple test. If the scratch test revealed that your plant is dead or dying, pull it from the ground and take pictures of the entire tree/plant, including the roots. Submit your claim & pictures by using the “Return an Item” tool on our Customer Service page (or email us at helpdesk@groworganic.com) no later than June 1st (or June 15th for persimmon trees). We will review your claim and issue you a credit (not a refund) for the purchase price of your tree/plant (excluding shipping).*

(*) We reserve the right to not issue credit for items already replaced. We also reserve the right to require photographic evidence that the tree/plant was not killed by root rot, rodent or mechanical damage.

Limitation of Remedy
We warrant to the extent of the purchase price only that the seeds or plants sold hereunder are as described on the label within recognized tolerances. No other warranty is given, expressed or implied, of (1) the merchantability or fitness of the seeds or plants for any particular purpose, or (2) against loss due to any cause. We cannot accept any responsibility for the many uncontrollable growing and climatic conditions (soil preparation, fertilization, weed and pest control, temperature control, irrigation...etc.) that must be met to insure the success of your crop(s) or plants.