

## Aspen

Aspen will grow in King's Deer, however before transplanting aspen to a King's Deer property the soil into which the plant is to be placed should be supplemented with a considerable amount of organic material because of the poor quality of soil indigenous to the King's Deer area.

Aspen are typically collected from the wild for sale to be transplanted. Consequently there is very little root structure accompanying the transplanted tree. So, considerable care is needed to keep the transplanted tree alive until it can develop its root system. Once the aspen is established, it will survive without much additional care. Within about five years off-shoots will be popping up from the original tree, and eventually the tree, which propagates through spreading its root system and sprouting new trees from that expanding root system, will be well established.

Because of the expanding root system that is characteristic of aspen, the tree should not be planted near the house where the expanding root system can undermine sidewalks, window wells, and other elements of the house. It is because of the aspen's expanding root system that the aspen is classified as the largest organism on Earth!

