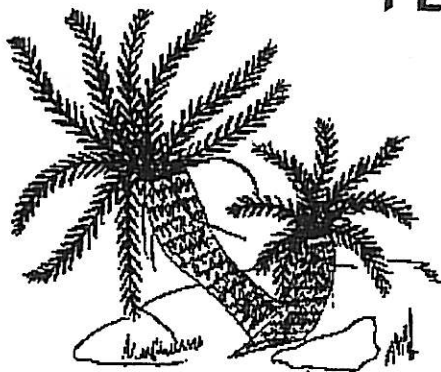


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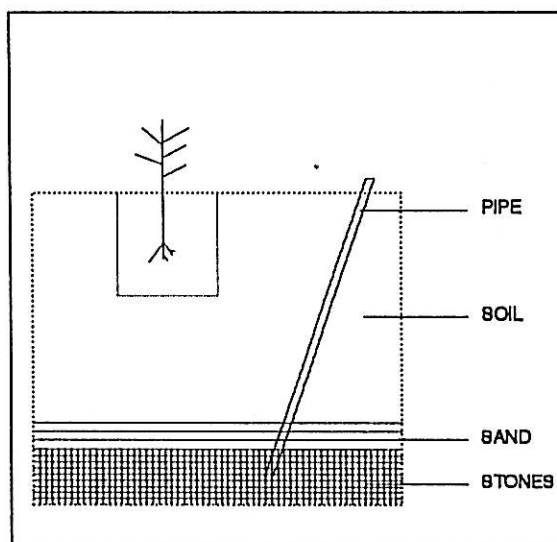
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The mixture with which the hole should be filled, should consist of the following:

<u>Trees and Shrubs:</u>	1 part compost and 2 parts topsoil (not clay)	}	+ SUPERPHOSFATE
<u>Cycads:</u>	2 parts compost, 1 part top soil and 1 part river sand		

The problem with most plants in gardens is that they are watered daily, and therefore develop roots mainly in the top 40 cm of the soil. As soon as the plants do not receive the regular watering, they dry out within 2 weeks because of the fact that the roots have no depth. This problem can be rectified by digging a hole as described above and to fill the bottom part with stones for approximately 20 cm. Position a pipe, of which the bottom edge is cut diagonally, in one corner. The bottom should be between the stones, while the top should protrude approximately 20 cm.



Cover the stones with sand or gravel, after which the hole is filled with the compost mixture. Position the plant in the hole and water well, so that the soil sinks well. Hereafter, the plants are watered through the pipe, with the effect that the plant is watered from the roots. The roots grow downwards instead of sideways, improving the hardness of the plant. Another benefit is the fact that less water is needed, due to the fact that evaporation is limited.

It is recommended that the pipe be plugged with a wooden plug, preventing soil, stones and other objects from blocking the pipe. When nutrients are administered, the pipe can be very useful. Fill the pipe with fertiliser followed by water. The nutrients are now at the roots and not on the surface.