

# DIGGING SEQUENCE

## SKID STEER



[1] Connect the tree spade to the loader and ensure that all blades are in the upright position. Then activate the gate door opening so that it is fully open.



[2] With blades up and gate open drive the tree spade into and around the tree.



[3] Close the gate and ensure that the spade is completely centered around the trunk of the tree.



[4] Place the spade downward onto the ground and apply pressure from the loader arms onto the spade. Apply rear stabilizers (if applicable) to allow for further down-pressure on spade.



[5] Insert blade (one at a time) until spade starts to rise upward. Then retract blade until frame settles back down. Then activate another blade and repeat until you come back to first blade started.



[6] Repeat step 5 until all blades are inserted to their fullest depth



[7] Retract stabilizers (if applicable) and slowly lift the tree spade out of the hole. The tree roots will be completely enclosed within the pod blades of the tree spade



[8] After the tree is raised from the hole, the tree is tilted into a horizontal position. The tree is ready to be placed into a pre-dug hole or into a basket for packaging.