

## **Wild Elderberry**

Perennial shrub/tree can reach 12-15' or more. Prune annually.

**Sun exposure:** Full sun, but can tolerate partial sunlight

**Soil:** Fertile soil with good drainage, pH 5.5-6.5

**Planting:** Prepare a planting site three-times the root ball size. Add any type of compost material to the hole. Do not compact the soil on top of the root ball, stake the tree and add a few inches of mulch. Do not mulch trunk

**Fertilizing:** Fertilize with a 10-10-10 in early summer

**Watering:** Shallow root system cannot tolerate standing water

**Harvesting:** Berries begin to appear in late summer to early fall. Harvest when berries are a deep purple. Warning - berries are considered slightly toxic until cooked