Thank you for choosing to make a difference by purchasing one of our Grow Your Own Tree items. Trees help improve our air, protect our water, and can help save energy. Your trees will provide food and shelter for birds, squirrels and other wildlife. Not only are you helping save our environment, you will have years of enjoyment from your tree.

Did you know that every tree you plant can absorb CO2 at the rate of thirteen pounds annually when mature? Trees trap CO2 from the atmosphere and make them into carbohydrates that are used for plant growth. They give us oxygen in return. You can plant your tree along rivers, streams, and lakes to prevent or reduce erosion of banks. They also help reduce water temperatures with their shade.

Trees cleanse ground water as it filters through their root systems. Research indicates that trees can breakdown pesticides and carcinogenic groundwater contaminants. Trees intercept rainwater aiding soil absorption for gradual release into streams, this helps preventing flooding.

Depending on location, species, size, and condition, shade from trees can reduce utility bills for air conditioning in residential and commercial buildings by 15% or more. Studies have shown that the overall effect of the shade created by planting a healthy tree is equivalent to 10 room-size air conditioners running 20 hours a day! In the winter, trees can act as windbreaks for your home and will help you save on heating costs. Saving on heating costs can reach as much as 25%!
Your Grow Your Own Tree kit comes complete with everything you will need to produce your own Ginkgo Tree. Your kit includes seeds, starting mix, tree stakes and a 100% biodegradable coconut coir pot. You will grow your Ginkgo Tree in the coconut coir pot than plant the tree in the pot into the ground.

Sprouting Instruction
1. Place your coir media disk in a separate container.
2. Mix with 3 cups of lukewarm water. (24oz or .675 liters.)
3. After soil is hydrated, pour into your 100% biodegradable Coconut coir pot.
4. Place seeds on top and press in about 1/2 of an inch.
5. Cover with plastic wrap and seal with a rubber band.
6. Put pot on a windowsill or in bright light.
7. Seeds will sprout in 6-8 weeks.
8. Transplant outside after when they are 6 inches tall.

Growing and Care
- Ginkgo seeds can be scarified or scratched with sandpaper before sowing. This helps water penetrate the hard outer shell of the seed, and helps speed germination.
- After your seed sprouts keep young trees evenly moist but not wet. You can allow your trees to dry out slightly between watering.
- When planting your trees outside stake your trees to promote upright straight growth.
- Your Ginkgo Trees prefer to be planted in a full sun to part shade location. The more direct sun the tree receives, the better the autumn color showing will be.
- Mature established trees are drought tolerant. Young trees will require a periodic watering during the first season after being planted outside. Young plants are susceptible to drought, and may also benefit from some shelter in midsummer.
- Ginkgo prefers a loam moist but well drained soil. They can tolerate most soil conditions including compacted, alkaline, clay, sand, and acidic conditions.
- Ginkgo grows on a wide range of soil. They prefer pH 6.0 - 6.5, but can tolerate a pH range from 5.1 to 7.5.

Wow! You can grow a tree in your very own yard that has been around for millions of years. Ginkgo Tree fossils can be dated back 270 million years. They are thought to be the oldest living tree on Earth. Ginkgo Trees were growing during Permian period. This is a time before the dinosaurs.

No leaf collection is complete with out one of these outstanding specimens. Ginkgo is very adaptable and will thrive in your yard. Plant in a sunny location with a little shade and watch them grow. The leaves turn a beautiful yellow in autumn.

Ginkgo use as an ancient Chinese herbal medicine dating back over a thousand years, a tea made from the leaves was used for a variety of ailments including asthma, vascular (circulatory) diseases and urinary problems. The leaf extract contains several valuable compounds. Today the recent medical research indicates that Ginkgo biloba leaf extract may also be an effective treatment for memory loss and the early stages of Alzheimer’s disease in elderly patients.