STRAWBERRIES

Strawberry varieties fall into two classes,

June-bearing and Everbearing. June-bearing
berries produce fruit all at once in late
spring/early summer. Everbearing strawberries
produce fruit in late spring/early summer and
then again in late summer/early fall. Both kinds
are self-pollinating so only one variety is needed
for pollination.

Planting & Care Tips:

- 1. Plant in an area with at least 8 hours of sun per day.
- 2. Apply aged compost or rich organic matter to the soil.
- 3. Space plants 18 inches apart.
- 4. Protect strawberries from slugs.
- 5. Strawberries spread by sending out runners which root into the soil. Their offspring plants grow at the tips of the runners.
- 6. For best results, harvest berries in the morning and refrigerate immediately.



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PLANTING BERRIES



Raspberries, Blueberries, Blackberries and Strawberries



RASPBERRIES

Raspberry varieties fall into two classes, **Summer-bearing** and **everbearing**.

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Summer-bearing produces one crop in the summer on 2-year -old canes. Everbearing produces one crop in summer on 2-year-canes and another in early fall on current season's growth. Raspberries are self-pollinating, only one variety is needed for pollination.

Planting & Care Tips:

Please refer to our **Planting and Watering Instructions** for general guidelines on soil preparation and watering. In addition:

- Plant in an area with at least 8 hours of sun per day.
- 2. Raspberries need rich, amended soil with full sun and ample water.
- 3. Plant varieties with trailing canes about 5 6 feet apart along a strong trellis.
- 4. Plant compact varieties about 3 4 feet apart.
- 5. Fertilize in early spring or when planted. We recommend **EB Stone Fruit & Berry Food**.
- 6. After harvest, prune for maximum yield:
 - **Summer-bearing:** Remove canes that bore fruit **(floricanes)** and train the current season's canes **(primocanes)** along a trellis.
 - Everbearing: After summer harvest, prune fruiting canes back completely. After fall harvest, prune the fruiting canes back halfway.

BLUEBERRIES

Blueberries are divided into three classes based on the season they produce berries.

- Early season produce fruit June into July
- Mid-season produce fruit July into August
- Late season produce fruit August into September

While most blueberries are self-pollinating, cross-pollination between two different varieties of the same season will result in larger, sweeter berries.

Planting & Care Tips:

Please refer to our **Planting & Watering Instructions** for general guidelines on soil preparation and watering. In addition:

- 1. Plant blueberries in an area with at least 6 hours of sun per day.
- 2. Make sure the soil is well-drained, acidic soil.
- Apply mulch, such as fine fir barkdust, to retain moisture. Blueberries have shallow roots and need moisture but not soggy soil.
- Space 2 feet apart to grow as a hedge OR 4 to 5 feet apart for individual bush development.
- Fertilize in late spring with an acidic fertilizer like E.B Stone Organics Rhody, Azalea and Camellia Food.
- 6. Pick off the flowers and fruit the first year to let the plant focus on root growth.
- 7. Prune dead wood and older branches that bear little to no fruit after the first year.

BLACKBERRIES

Blackberry canes are biennial which means they grow one year (primocanes) and produce fruit the next year (floricanes).
Blackberries are self-pollinating; only one variety is needed for pollination.

<u>Planting & Care Tips:</u>

Please refer to our **Planting & Watering Instructions** for general guidelines on soil preparation and watering. In addition:

- 1. Plant in an area with at least 8 hours of sun per day.
- 2. Blackberries need rich, amended soil and ample water.
- 3. Plant varieties with trailing canes about 5 6 feet apart along a strong trellis.
- 4. Plant compact varieties about 3 4 feet apart.
- 5. Plant canes in fall or early spring.
- Fertilize in early spring (February or March) or when planted. We recommend EB Stone Organics Fruit & Berry.
- After harvest, remove canes that bore fruit (floricanes) and train the current season's canes (primocanes) along a trellis.