

Growing Berries

Planting:

- * Dig a hole twice the size of the root ball and a proper depth that is level or slightly higher than the soil surface.
- * Add organic matter (Bumper Crop, peat moss, or humus) to the soil and mix thoroughly. The amount of organic matter should equal $\frac{1}{4}$ the volume of the soil.
- * Slit the sides of the container and break off any excess from the rim of the container.
- * Place the plant into the hole making sure that the hole has the proper width and depth.
- * Begin to back fill the hole halfway. Make sure that the plant is straight before too much soil is in the hole.
- * Tamp the soil around the root ball. Repeat the procedure of filling and tamping until the hole has been filled.
- * Give the plant a good initial watering and then every 3 to 5 days after planting. Feel the soil moisture to determine watering.
- * A top dress of shredded bark 2 inches deep is advisable.

Fertilization: Most small fruits require fertilizing every year with an all purpose fertilizer. A spring and fall feeding is advisable when young and as the plant matures.

Spacing: Blueberry, blackberry, and boysenberry plants require a distance of 4 to 6 feet between each plant. Currants and gooseberries should be spaced 2 to 4 feet apart. Black raspberries require spacing 2 to 3 feet apart, and red raspberries, 1 to 2 feet apart. Strawberries require should be set $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 foot apart.

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