

# Growing Strawberries

Below is a quick guide for growing strawberries.

Category	Directions and Notes
<b>Location</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full sun.</li> </ul>
<b>Soil</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be well drained and rich in organic matter and fine sand.</li> <li>• Add enough lime to adjust soil pH to between 5.5 and 6.5.</li> </ul>
<b>Planting Directions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bare root strawberry plants are usually available in early May, with several varieties available. June bearing strawberry plants produce one crop a season and Everbearing or Day Neutral strawberries produce over longer periods during the summer.</li> <li>• Mark rows, which should be 12-18" apart, and plants should be placed 12" apart from one another.</li> <li>• To plant strawberries, dig a hole and place a small mound of soil in the centre.</li> <li>• Spread the roots out on the mound and cover halfway up the crown. It is extremely important that the middle of the strawberry crown is level with the soil surface.</li> <li>• Water newly planted strawberries thoroughly.</li> </ul>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After planting, keep plants watered regularly during dry weather and throughout the growing season. Water during early morning and water the soil, not the plant leaves. This will help to deter fungal problems.</li> <li>• Fertilize two to four weeks after planting with a general purpose or organic fertilizer. If using a granular fertilizer make sure not to get it on the strawberry plant, as it will burn.</li> <li>• For the first season, remove the flower buds as this will help focus the plants energy into its root and runner system. For Everbearing or Day Neutral types, remove flowers at the beginning of the season only.</li> <li>• In late August, an application of general purpose or organic fertilizer will help encourage flower formation for the following season.</li> </ul>
<b>Harvesting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>Special Notes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When plants begin to flower the second spring, it may be necessary to use a row cover to protect the flowers from late frosts, which could result in a loss of early fruit.</li> <li>• The use of mulch will also be helpful in keeping the fruit off the soil and dry.</li> <li>• Everbearing or Day Neutral strawberries can also be grown in container.</li> </ul>
<b>Varieties</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cabot: late; large berry</li> <li>• Cavendish: midseason</li> <li>• Seascape: everbearing</li> </ul>

