

Gourmet Fruit & Vegetable Garden



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- E. Jersey Knight Asparagus
- F. Sweet Spanish Onions
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Strawberry Planting Instructions

Everbearing Planting Instructions: Separate the plants and plant each with the crown even with the ground level. Plant in late March-April in beds consisting of 2-3 rows that are 30 cm (12") apart. Space each plant within a row about 50 cm (20") apart. There should be a 60 cm (24") wide path between each bed of 2-3 rows. Remove any runners to maintain the plants as large, single plants. Remove all blossoms for 6 weeks after initial planting. Then allow flowers to develop into fruit.

June Bearing Planting Instructions: Separate the plants and plant each with the crown even with the ground level. Space the plants about 50 cm (20") apart in rows 90 cm (36") apart and water well after planting. Runners will develop and root freely, eventually forming a matted row of plants about 60 cm (24") wide. During the first growth year remove all blossoms and fruit stems until the following June and then let the plants bear fruit.

Blueberry Planting Instructions

Before planting remove from pot and soak roots in a bucket of water for 3-4 hours. Choose a sunny location with well drained soil. Continue to water well for the first few weeks. Do not fertilize at planting but 2 weeks later. Sawdust mulch to a depth of 5-8 cm is often beneficial to blueberries.

Raspberry Planting Instructions

Before planting remove from pot and soak roots in a bucket of water for 3-4 hours. Choose a sunny location with well drained soil. Continue to water well the first few weeks. Feed by mulching well rotted manure or commercial fertilizers. In the Fall prune-out canes that produced fruit.

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Rhubarb Planting Instructions

Plant rhubarb in the early spring in well-draining and fertile soil. Choose a full sun or partially shaded location. Space rhubarb plants 60-90 cm (24-36") apart in rows 90-100 cm (36-40") apart. Dig holes extra large and mix composted manure and organic fertilizers into the soil. Set the crown of the roots 5 cm (2") below the surface of the soil. Firm the soil around the roots but keep it loose over the crown. Water in well. A top dressing of 5-10-10 fertilizer can be applied at the time of planting. Pick minimal amounts the first year of growth. A full harvest may be enjoyed in the second year of growth. Caution: The stalks (stems) - the part you want to eat are safe, but the rhubarb leaves contain oxalate which is toxic in large quantities. When harvesting, remove the leaves from the stalks and wash well. Teach children the safe parts to eat and keep an eye on pets in the garden. Avoid rhubarb that has frost damage as the oxalate may have leached from the leaves into the stalk.

Asparagus Planting Instructions

Amend heavy soil by with compost and till for better aeration, as asparagus need well draining soil. Prepare trenches 15 cm (6") deep, 10 cm (4") wide and 90 cm (36") apart. Plant crowns 40 cm (15") apart in the trench, and cover with 5 cm (2") of soil. Don't fill in the entire furrow at once. Water thoroughly. Fill in the furrows with soil as new shoots gradually grow until the furrow is completely filled to ground level. Water frequently and deeply. Asparagus beds come into full production after 3 years. It is best not to harvest until the second year. To harvest stalks, run a knife just below the ground level, above the crown. Stop harvest cuttings in June.

Onion Planting Instructions

Choose well-draining deeply cultivated soil. Plant onion sets 8 cm (3") deep and 15 cm (6") apart). Harvest in late summer when the leaves start to die down.

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