

Blackberry Planting Basics

- Select a sunny site.
- Space plants 3' – 4' apart, and set them 1" deeper than they were in the nursery.
- For optimum growth and production, thoroughly incorporate ½ lb. – ¾ lb. of 10-10-10 fertilizer per 100 sq. ft. at least 2 weeks prior to planting **OR** buy pre-fertilized planting soil. Do not fertilize new transplants again until well established.
- Remove the new plant from its nursery pot and eliminate circling roots by laying the root ball on its side and cutting through the roots with shears. Set the plant 1" deeper than it was growing in the container.
- Water thoroughly after planting. Maintain good soil moisture until plants are well established. Do not water every day. One to three times per week is sufficient. The plants should receive 1" – 2" of rainfall or the equivalent each week throughout the season.
- Do not mulch brambles beyond the first year.
- Build or buy a trellis to support the canes.