

# Currant Planting Basics

- Choose a sunny location, preferably on a slight slope, but avoid southern exposure and southern facing slopes since intense sun may injure the plants.
- Mature plants will be 3' – 4' wide, so space away from other plants and structures accordingly.
- Plant 3' – 4' feet apart in good, well-drained soil that contains at least 2% – 3% organic matter. **Do not fertilize during first year.**
- 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.
- Maintain adequate moisture levels especially immediately following planting.
- Plants should receive 1" – 2" of rainfall or the equivalent per week throughout the growing season.
- Weed by hand or hoe and/or use mulch to inhibit weeds. Straw or untreated wood chips can be applied to 2" – 4" depth, leaving 6" – 8" clear around plant.
- Pick currant fruit clusters when fruit has reached peak color, and are slightly soft.
- Use ¼" plastic netting to protect fruits from birds.