

Raspberry Planting Basics

- Select a sunny site.
- Avoid planting in soils where previous crops have included strawberries, raspberries, potatoes, tomatoes, eggplants or peppers.
- 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.
- Space plants 12" – 18" apart.
- Soak the plants for up to 1 hour prior to planting and keep the plants in the pail of water as you plant. **Do not soak plants more than 2 hours.**
- Use a hoe to make a trench 2" deep the length of the bed. Spread the roots out in the trench, set at about 2" deep and cover immediately. Take care not to plant the roots too deep. Also, the fine root system should not be allowed to dry during the planting process. This can happen very quickly on a warm day.
- 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 get 1" – 2" of rainfall or the equivalent each week throughout the season.
- Do not mulch brambles beyond the first year.
- Do not mow down summer-bearing raspberries; they fruit on 2 year-old canes. You only need to cut-back the canes which bore the previous year.