

# Raspberries & Blackberries

## ***Where to plant...***

Brambles need **well-drained** soil and **FULL SUN**.

Raspberries and Blackberries sucker profusely, therefore choose a location where it will be easy to control the suckers. (Mowing is most effective).

Red and Yellow Raspberries must be planted at least 100' away from black and purple raspberries, in order to prevent the spread of disease between the two.

## ***Blackberries vs. Black Raspberries***

**Blackberries** retain their central core once picked, where as **Black Raspberries** resemble a thimble when picked, leaving their central core on the plant.

## ***Planting and Care...***

Raspberries and Blackberries are self-fruitful, but having more than one plant allows for better fruit production.

Plants should be **2-3' apart within rows**. **Rows should be at least 6' apart** (10' for Blackberries)

Install stakes for individual plants or stakes with wires for rows, to support berry-laden branches.

**Mulch** annually in order to suppress weeds and control moisture, allowing for better fruit production.

In fall or early spring it is important that the spent fruiting canes are cut down to the ground. This process of **thinning out is necessary** to allow room for the new fruiting canes.

## ***One-crop or everbearing?***

Red Raspberries come in either *one-crop* or *everbearing* really meaning *two-crop*.

**One-crop** plants bear fruit that ripens in midsummer on canes from the previous season.

**Two-crop (everbearing)** plants bear fruit in midsummer on canes from the previous year and again in fall on canes from the current season.

Each plant will yield **1-4 quarts of berries per year**.

By the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in the ground your berries should produce a large crop from then on.



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## ***Red Raspberries Varieties***

### ***Heritage***

An everbearing variety, producing one crop in early summer and another again in September. Large, sweet, firm, dark red fruit great for fresh eating, but also freezes well. High yielding, great disease resistance. Tall, up-right canes.

### ***Latham***

A reliable favorite. Although Latham is a one-crop variety, you won't be disappointed. Very heavy fruit producer around early-mid July. Fruit is firm, therefore easy to pick. Berries are a glowing red color with a wonderfully sweet flavor. Very adaptable.

### ***September***

An everbearing variety, which produces a small crop in early July and another large crop in September. Fruit is medium, bright red, and has a sweet, tangy taste. Vigorous grower with great disease and insect resistance.

### ***Mammoth Red***

Produces record size, sweet, and juicy red raspberries on thornless canes. Heavy producers with berries ripening mid June through July.

### ***Caroline***

Superior flavor! Vigorous canes produce huge crops of large, firm raspberries. Everbearing, producing one crop in July and another come September. Excellent disease resistance and cold hardiness.

## ***Black Raspberry Varieties***

### ***Cumberland***

Produces medium-large, blue-black berries, which have an outstanding raspberry flavor. Great for eating fresh, or making jams and jellies out of. Excellent cold hardiness! The ripens July - August.

### ***Jewel***

Fruit is large, glossy, firm and extremely flavorful. Plants are vigorous, erect, and productive. Excellent disease resistance. Mid season.

## ***Purple Raspberry Varieties***

### ***Brandywine***

Large berries with a full semi-sweet flavor. Ripens mid season. Great for jams, jellies, and pies. A variety that is often used for wine making and the production of other spirits.

## ***Gold Raspberry Varieties***

### ***Fall/Autumn Gold***

An everbearer producing in July and again in September. Producing large, golden berries that have an excellent sweet taste. Vigorous and extremely hardy.

## ***Blackberry Varieties***

### ***Darrow***

A fantastic variety with large berries that are firm and juicy, and a honey sweet, true blackberry flavor. An extremely vigorous grower and reliable producer.

### ***Chester***

An excellent all around Blackberry. A heavy producer of sweet, juicy blackberries. Thornless canes and large, firm berries make picking easy. Tolerates hot, dry weather better than other Blackberry varieties.

### ***Triple Crown***

Semi-erect, thorn-less blackberry. Named for its three attributes, flavor, productivity, and vigor. Large sweet, juicy berries, and great disease resistance.

### ***Hull***

Thornless, semi-erect canes. Extremely vigorous and productive. Berries are large and firm, with a wonderfully sweet, juicy taste. Tends to be much sweeter than other thornless blackberry varieties. High Yielding.