Raspberry & Blackberry VARIETY GUIDE



PLANTING TIPS

- SUNLIGHT AND SOIL: Choose a sunny location with slightly acidic soil for optimal growth.
- **PLANTING LOCATION:** Ensure good drainage; avoid planting where potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, or strawberries grew in the last three years.
- SOIL PREPARATION: Prep the area with garden compost or farmyard manure-based products.
- SPACING: Plant blackberries 4' apart (upright) or 6' apart (trailing); raspberries should be planted 3' apart.
- PLANTING TECHNIQUES: For bare root starts, soak in water before planting; plant roots 3" below the surface. For container starts, dig a hole twice the size, backfill with a soil-compost mix, and avoid planting too deep.
- SUPPORT STRUCTURES: Plan support structures for varieties that require them.
- **PRUNING:** Cut blackberries and red raspberries back to 6" above ground level after planting, then water well.
- WATERING: Provide approximately 1 inch of water per week during the growing season.
- **FERTILIZING:** In the planting year, apply 2.1 oz. of 16-16-16 per 100 square feet at two weeks, one month, and two months after initial planting. For annual fertilizing, use organic-based or pril form fertilizer.

VARIETY	JUN	- HARVEST SEASONS	OCT FLAVOR	GROWTH HABIT	COLOR	USE
AMITY- EVERBEARING				Requires Support	Dark Red	Excellent for fresh market, Pies & jams, freezing or baking
CANBY			Superior	Requires Support	Bright Red	Freezing, cooking and desserts
CAROLINA- EVERBEARIN			Firm Fruit	Requires Support	Dark Red	
FALL GOLD- EVERBEARIN	G 🔵		Very Sweet	May Need Support	Yellow	Eaten fresh, canning & preserves
MEEKER			High Sugar Content	Requires Support	Dark Red	Eaten fresh, canning & processing
HERITAGE- EVERBEARIN	G)		Extra Sweet	Fruits On 1st Year Canes	Bright Red	Eaten fresh, canning & freezing

