

Raspberry Growing & Care Guide for Boise and Treasure Valley Gardens

*A local gardening guide from Five Mile Farm & Greenhouses
Boise, Idaho*

Raspberries grow very well in Boise and throughout the Treasure Valley when planted in full sun and well-drained soil. With proper planting, fertilizing, and pruning, raspberry plants can produce abundant harvests for many years.

SOIL & PLANTING LOCATION

Raspberries grow best in **deep, well-drained, fertile soil**. Good drainage is important because raspberries are susceptible to root rot. For best fruit production, plant raspberries in **full sun**. Raised beds can also work well for raspberries, especially in heavier soils where drainage may be poor.

FERTILIZING

Raspberries benefit from soil rich in organic matter. Adding compost or worm castings at planting time and each year afterward helps improve soil structure and plant health. Raspberries also benefit from slightly acidic soil and may respond well to a soil amendment such as **Down To Earth Acid Mix**.

PLANTING

Plant raspberries in late winter or early spring. Space plants about **18 inches apart** with **5–6 feet between rows**. Plant the crowns about **one inch deeper** than they were growing in the nursery.

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PRUNING & TRAINING

Raspberries naturally send up new shoots (called suckers) from the base of the plant. These shoots can be allowed to grow together in small clusters or thinned to control the spread of the planting.

SUMMER-BEARING RASPBERRIES

Summer-bearing raspberries produce fruit on **two-year-old canes (called floricanes)**. After harvest, these fruiting canes will die and should be removed to encourage new growth for the following year.

EVERBEARING RASPBERRIES

Everbearing raspberries produce fruit on **first-year canes (called primocanes)** in the fall and may produce again the following summer. After harvest, the portion of the cane that fruited can be removed.

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