

Strawberries - excellent container plant

Easy to grow fruit crop that provides ample harvests

Sun exposure: For best yields, plant in full sun - though can tolerate some shade.

Soil: Well-drained, sandy loam soil with a pH of 5.2-6.5

Planting: Due to the production of runners, strawberries will spread if planted in a bed. They are the perfect fruit for backyard pots and containers. Do not plant where tomatoes, eggplant, or peppers have been recently grown as verticillium rot may occur. Plant in the spring as soon as the soil can be worked. Prepare the soil by digging a shallow hole, creating a mound in the center. Place the plant atop the mound and spread the roots downward. DO NOT cover the crown of the seedling when adding soil or organic matter.

Fertilizing: Fertilize with a balanced 10-10-10 at time of planting and at the 2nd harvest.

Watering: Water as needed until the plant is established.

Harvesting: Ever-bearing, strawberries produce fruit throughout the growing season (June through fall).

Winter care: Mulch heavily in the winter to protect crowns from frost.