

Dwarf Blueberries - excellent container plants

Sun exposure: Full sun, six hours at least

Soil: Acidic soil - a pH range of 4.2-4.5 is required

Planting: To produce fruit, blueberries must cross-pollinate. Plant at least two bushes within a 3'-5' area. If planting the bushes in containers, use large pots no less than 18". Prepare the planting site with a hole twice the size of the root ball and plant the bush to the same depth as in the grower's pot and add a generous amount of acid soil conditioner or peat to the top 1/3 of the hole. When planting in a container, fill your pot with a high quality organic potting soil for the bottom 2/3, and add an acid loving soil mix for the top 1/3.

Fertilizing: Fertilize twice in the spring with an acid based fertilizer.

Watering: Keep soil consistently moist but do not allow the plant to sit in water. If you have to leave your containerized blueberry plant for any amount of time, move it to the shade to conserve water.

Harvesting: When fruit begins to ripen, place netting over your plant as a deterrent to birds and other animals. Harvest the fruit when the berries are a deep blue color (they will practically fall off the bush and into your palm).

Winter care: Relocate containerized plants out of the north wind, prune dead growth, and wrap in burlap.