

A GUIDE TO GROWING ORGANIC RASPBERRIES: A STEP-BY-STEP TUTORIAL



Who doesn't love raspberries? Full of nutrition, this edible fruit are popular in the fresh fruit market and are a traditional mid-summer fruit.

This article will look at how to grow them organically

What are raspberries?

Raspberries are one of the most popular berries in the world. They come in many different colors and flavors, making them a fun and delicious fruit to eat. But if you want to grow organic raspberries, then it's important that you know what you're doing! In this guide, we will take an in-depth look at how to grow them successfully so that you can enjoy these tasty fruits all year long.

How do I Plant my Raspberry Plants?

You may not know exactly how to plant your raspberry plants, but it's actually quite easy. First of all, you need to make sure that the soil is well-drained and has a pH level between six (slightly acidic) or seven point five (neutral).

If your garden doesn't meet these requirements then there are some ways for improving this: adding some organic matter such as compost made up of old leaves, straw or grass clippings; adding lime to the soil if it's too acidic and gypsum for clay soils.

To plant your raspberry plants, first prepare the beds with one to two inches of organic compost or manure. If you are planting in a container,

be sure that the crowns (the pointy end) can sit at least an inch above ground level when it is planted so they have adequate room for roots and water access. Plants tend to produce fruit their second year after planting but may yield fruits as early as their first season!

In fact, many people prefer using containers because you have more control over how much water they get as well as what type of fertilizer that goes into them! If this sounds like something that you'd like to do, then you'll love the benefits.

Fertilizing and Pruning

Raspberry bushes produce two harvests a year. In early spring, it is best to remove the old canes and branches so that you have only strong branches for future harvests. As autumn marches on, give your tree a little tune up by pruning the canes that are 4-5 feet tall to have the weight of these heavy load bearing limbs instead of just growing from their roots or lower stems.

Weeds are pesky plants that can steal nutrients and water from your raspberries. It's best to manually pull weeds out of the ground, or you could use an organic herbicide between cane rows. Mulches also attract rodents which chew on plant roots, leading to root damage!

How Much does it Cost to Grow Organic Raspberries?

Growing organic often has the image of being expensive but this is not always the case. The cost of growing organic raspberries will depend on what type you are planting, how much space they need and where in your garden or container to plant them!

For example: everbearing varieties usually have a higher initial investment but can produce fruit for up to two years; summer fruiting types may be cheaper initially

What is the Best Fertilizer for Growing Organic Raspberries?

It is imperative that you focus on organic fertilizers such as manure, compost and leaf mould. These will provide the right balance of nutrients for your plants to grow strong.

These are great sources which can help with providing a balanced nutrient supply in order to allow them (the raspberry bushes) to be healthy.

What pests and diseases can affect my raspberry plants?

Raspberries are susceptible to a host of diseases and need precaution when transplanting. A big worry with raspberries is the Verticillium wilt virus, which can penetrate in potato and tomato transplants brought into a bed previously treated with an organic pesticide.

However, this kind of treatment has time for that soil to completely mature before planting without risk from spores.

The berry patch is a place where certain birds, spider mites and Japanese beetles can thrive. Remember – store bought raspberries are among our most pesticide-laden fruit.

Summary

Organic raspberries, despite the work, are a much tastier and healthier alternative to store bought options. Growing your own is fulfilling and enjoyable so why not start soon.

