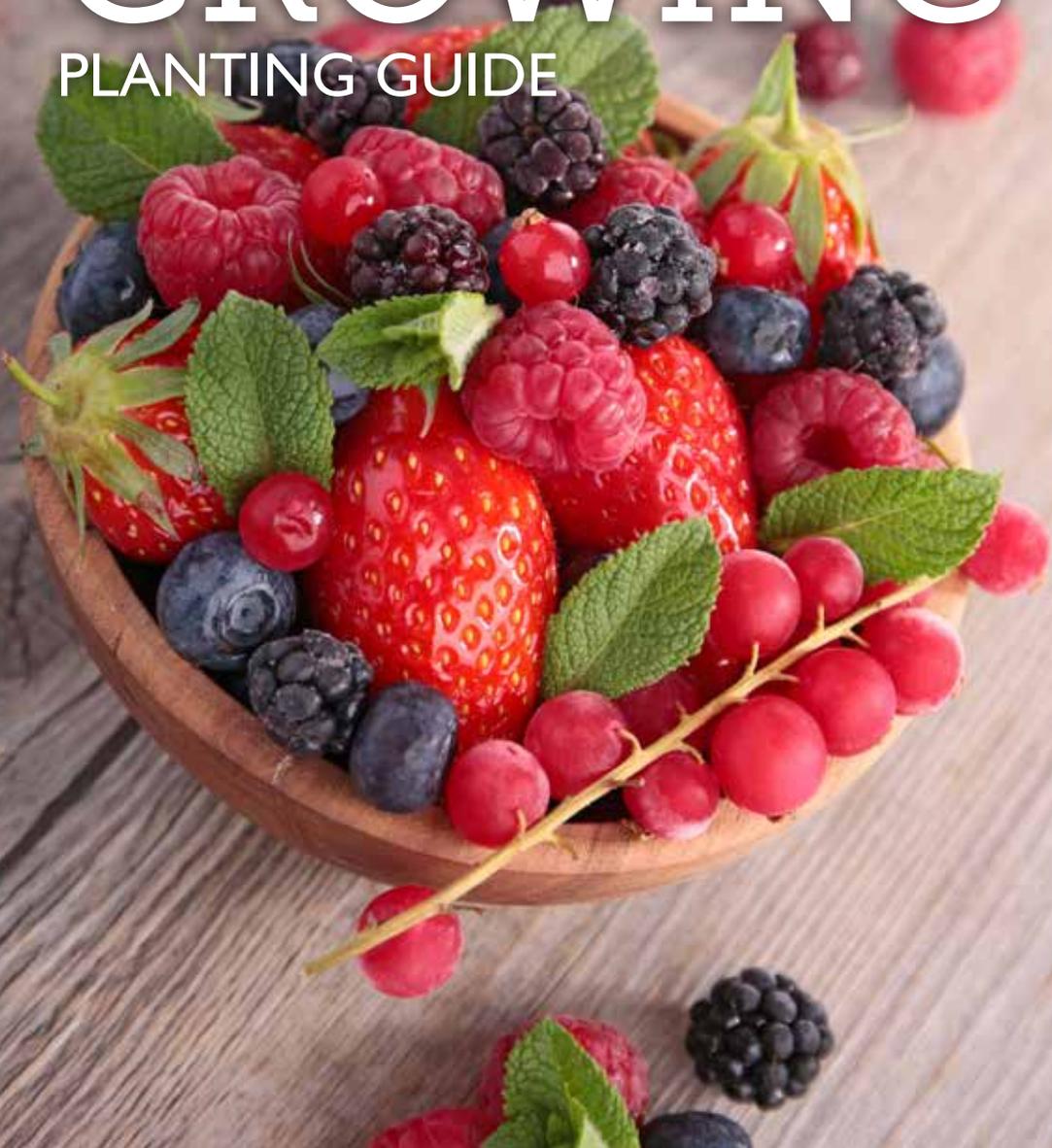


FRUIT GROWING

PLANTING GUIDE



FRUIT BUSHES

STRAWBERRIES

Growing your own strawberries is extremely rewarding and we work with the UK's largest strawberry plant grower so we can supply a range of top quality commercial-grade plants ready for you to plant and enjoy bumper crops this season!

ALPINE STRAWBERRIES

Produce an abundance of very small & sweet fruits. Fruiting between June and July, they can be planted from January to May for summer crops in the same year or autumn for crops the next season.

SUMMER FRUITING STRAWBERRIES

Plant between January and May for June harvest. They can also be planted from August to October for fruits the next season.

EVERBEARER STRAWBERRIES

Fantastic for prolonging the fruiting period, they'll produce a flush of fruit from mid-July and continue to fruit throughout August, peaking again in September right up until the first frosts.

Strawberries will be supplied as 'runners', 'trayplants' or in 9cm pots, depending on the time of year. Runners are small bare-rooted plants, trayplants come with a root ball of compost and potted plants will arrive in 9cm diameter nursery pots.

Strawberries should be planted as soon as possible - only plant outdoors once all risk of frost has gone. For bare root plants, soak the runners for an hour beforehand to 'wake up' the plants from dormancy. Strawberries can be planted in the ground, in containers or in grow bags and hanging baskets.

When growing in the ground, dig a hole big enough to house the roots of the plant and space roughly 75cm apart, with the crown of the plant sat at the surface of the soil. For bare roots, dig a hole the length of the roots and twice the width.



GRAPE VINES

Perfect for growing in pots or training up walls, terraces, pergolas and other supports, grapevines will love a sunny and sheltered spot on your patio, in your garden or in a conservatory.

Best planted in the spring, dig over your soil and add a good quality compost and fertiliser to enrich the site. We suggest planting roughly 1.2-1.5m apart and ensure within their first year they are well watered – especially in warm, dry spring and summers.

You'll know your grapes are ready to be picking once they feel soft, but the best way to taste, is by taste! The sweeter the grape, the readier they are for harvesting. Dessert grapes should be eaten soon after picking whereas wine grapes are best pulped and made into wine.



CURRANTS

Plant bare root or potted currants, whether bare root or potted, as soon as possible to allow for establishment before the hotter weather. Be sure to soak bare roots in water for at least an hour before planting to help bring the plants out of dormancy.

Dig a hole about an inch longer than the length of the roots and double the width and space roughly 1.5m between plants. Fill the hole with soil and firm it down around the plant as you go.

Ensure plants are watered regularly, especially during dry spells. The best way to tell when currants are ready to harvest is by colour and taste, but the fruits should still be firm.



BERRIES

Plant raspberries and blackberries roughly 50cm apart in rows, along walls or fences or in beds where further support from posts can be used. They can also be grown in large pots (40cm+ diameter) on your patio, balcony, terrace and more. For best results, plant in a sunny but sheltered position.

Raspberries and blackberries can be supplied as canes, plug plants or in pots depending on the time of year but can be treated the same when planting, just be sure to soak canes in water for a couple of hours before planting to wake them up from dormancy.

Dig a hole at least an inch longer than the length of your plants (including roots) and roughly double the width to ensure space for the roots.

For guidelines on planting and fruiting times for individual varieties please check the information on our website.

