



GROWING YOUR RASPBERRIES



Common Name: RASPBERRY

Botanical Name: Rubus idaeus 'Chilcotin' **Family Name:** Rosaceae

Planting Time: Winter **Flowering:** Summer

Planting Width: 60cm. **Depth:** 5cm. **Positioning:** Full Sun

General Care: Grow the canes against a wall or fence or support with a trellis. If grown in rows, allow 1.5m between rows. Most berries bear fruit on 2nd year wood. The canes will grow vigorously the first year and then flower and fruit the second year. **Watering:** For optimum fruit production canes need to be kept well watered. Will benefit from mulching in spring to conserve moisture in summer and keep roots cool. **Fertilising:** Prior to planting well-rotted animal manure, blood and bone or complete fertiliser should be thoroughly worked into the soil. As growth starts apply a complete fertiliser and a compost of well-rotted animal manure. **Soil:** Deep well drained soil with plenty of organic matter. **Pruning:** Thin strongest new canes to 15cm apart to avoid over-crowding and top them slightly for a manageable height. Likes Needs a 'chilling period' in winter to encourage fruit set so grows best in cool to cold climates. **Pests:** Raspberries can suffer from a root rot fungus, however the variety we provide appears to have more resistance than other varieties.

Tips: Raspberries bear fruit for many years. Pick the fruit when ripe and well coloured. Protect plants from hot winds, and ripening berries from birds. Best grown in areas with a cold winter as a 'chilling period' will assist fruit set