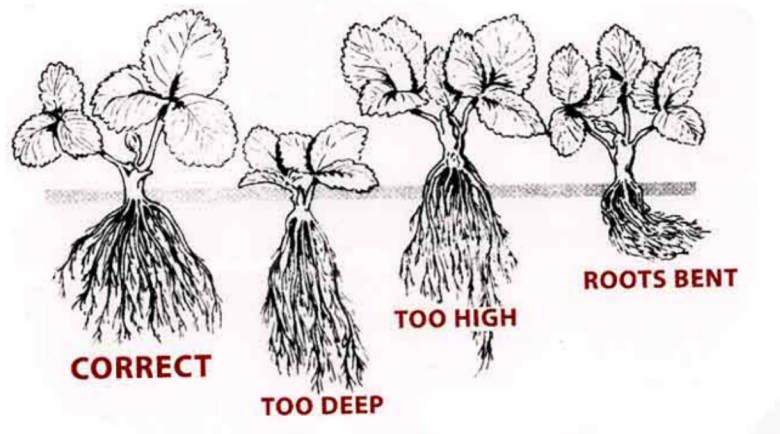




- Bare root strawberries can flower and produce fruit anytime temperatures are between 35 and 85 degrees



Planting Guide

Choosing a site:

- Plant as soon as possible. Until planting, keep roots moist but not wet, in the refrigerator
- Avoid sites recently planted with strawberries, blackberries, raspberries, or vegetables in the Solanaceae family: tomatoes, potatoes, eggplant, peppers
- Amend soil with compost before planting and plant in area with good drainage and full sun

Planting/Care:

- Plant early to mid-April
- Soak roots (not the whole plant) in warm water for 30 minutes prior to planting
- Dig holes spaced 12" apart that are deep and wide enough for the roots without crowding
- Make sure to spread the roots and make the crown level, but not covered with soil
- Water the newly planted strawberries
- Cover soil with mulch to keep fruit off the ground (straw is a popular choice)
- Weed control is extremely important for successful strawberry growth
- Amend soil with compost each spring and replenish mulch as needed

Harvesting/Storage:

- For the first year only, pinch off flower buds until late May to allow good root development, after that allow fruit to develop
- Harvest by pinching off the stem, not by pulling the fruit itself



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