

# Grapes & Hardy Kiwis

## Planting Information



### **Hardy Kiwis**

*Recommended varieties:* Anna, male pollinator

These tiny kiwis are a delightful addition to any garden! They also lack the signature fuzzy skin and can be eaten whole straight off of the vine. They take about six years to fully produce fruit, but that also gives you plenty of time to trellis the kiwi plant into the perfect harvesting shape.



### **Grapes**

*Recommended varieties:* Edelweiss, Carman, Elvicand, Lukfata

Grapes struggle in the St. Louis area- the high humidity opens up the door for many fungal diseases. Our staff has done extensive research to find several grape varieties that are able to flourish here with minimal work. By using these resistant varieties, you can limit or eliminate the need for fungicidal products.

## Care and Management

### **Yearly Maintenance**

**Spring :** Apply four rounds of holistic spray, prune and train vines to trellis

**Summer:** Water and watch for pests, add humming line or net fruit if there is bird pressure, harvest fruit!

**Winter:** Add new mulch, clean up mummified fruit

### **Trellising**

A proper trellis is critical to minimizing work and disease in grapes and kiwis by increasing sun and air flow. The construction guide for our favorite trellis design is on our website. Grapes take two years to produce fruit, kiwis take three. We offer a designated vine crops class.

### **Pests and Diseases**

*For Grapes*

**Berry Grape Moth:** Damages blossoms and fruits

*Treatment:* Bt spray

**Downy mildew, powdery mildew, black rot, grey mold:** Damages fruit and/or foliage

*Treatment:* Whey spray, sulfur sprays (available at GG store)

*For Both*

**Aphids:** Widespread damage, small green insects

*Treatment:* Companion planting, neem oil spray

*Trellis structure for grapes and kiwis*

