



Strawberries - Planting, Care, and Propagation

Mini-brochure - Landscape, print-friendly (ASCII-only)

- Choose type: June-bearing for one big crop; day-neutral or everbearing for season-long fruit.
- Full sun, at least 6 to 8 hours; avoid frost pockets.
- Well-drained soil, slightly acidic; raised beds help in wet climates.
- Plan bed style: matted row for June-bearing; compact rows or containers for DN/EV.
- Start with disease-resistant varieties for your region.

Planting - spacing and steps

Spacing	30 to 45 cm between plants; rows 75 to 90 cm. Crowns at soil level, never buried.
Soil prep	Mix in compost for structure; avoid fresh manure. Good drainage is key.
Mulch	Straw or pine needles keep fruit clean, reduce rot, and hold moisture.
Runners	For June-bearing matted rows, peg a few runners to fill gaps. For DN/EV remove most to focus on fruit.

Watering and feeding

Water	About 2.5 to 4 cm per week; more in heat waves. Drip or gentle soaker is ideal.
Feeding	Balanced fertilizer at planting. For DN/EV, light monthly feeds during the season.

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Pests and diseases - quick view

Common issues	Slugs, birds, spider mites, powdery mildew, leaf spot, gray mold.
Prevention	Mulch; space and weed for airflow; morning watering; rotate beds every 3 to 4 years.
Action	Net against birds; hand-pick slugs; use insecticidal soap for mites; remove infected leaves/fruit.

Propagation methods

Runners	Select strong, disease-free runners after the main harvest. Peg into small pots to root, then transplant.
Division	For older clumps, divide crowns in early spring or after fruiting; replant healthiest divisions.
Seed	Less common for home growers; sow fresh seed; expect variability.

Seasonal calendar

Spring	Plant bare-root or potted stock; mulch; start slug control; remove first flowers on new plants to establish.
Summer	Harvest; water steadily; manage runners per bed style; net against birds.
Autumn	Top up mulch; tidy runners; plant late if climate allows; remove diseased leaves.
Winter	Protect crowns with straw where winters are cold; remove covers in early spring.

Bed plan worksheet

Bed type	Varieties	Plant spacing	Mulch plan	Action date
Matted row / compact row / containers				

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