



# The Backyard Farming Connection Strawberry Growing Guide

**Need to Know:** Strawberries are delicious fruits with compact plants and a high success rate. Strawberries are self pollinating.



**Choose the Best Strawberry Varieties:** select plants based on flavor, productivity, berry size, and seasonality. Hardiness zone 5-8. Strawberry plants fall into 3 seasonal categories:

## Everbearing Strawberries

Produces 2-3 harvests during the year.

## June-Bearing Strawberries

Produce a single large harvest in the early summer

## Day-Neutral Strawberries

Produce berries throughout the growing season.

## Growing Requirements



6-10+ Hours



12-18 in apart  
rows 3 ft apart



Water  
Heavily



pH 5.3 to 6.5  
Fertile Soil

**Planting:** Plant in raised beds, rows or containers in early spring from bare root or potted plants. Spread roots and plant crown of plant right at soil level. Mulch.

**Maintenance:** Water frequently and keep plants free of weeds

**Harvest:** Harvest as soon as berries are ripe and cool immediately

**Companion Plants:** borage, sage, dill, chives, coriander, thyme, caraway, and catnip

**Avoid Planting With:** tomatoes, potatoes, peppers, eggplants, melons and plants in the rose family

**Special Care:** In winter Cover with mulch below zone 5. In year 1 cut runners and remove fruit.