

Greetings and the latest update from Bradley:

With the wet cold spring we are looking at another short growing season. Now is the time between rain showers to be planting out your gardens, fertilizing your plants and preparing for summer. Now is also a good time to check all your garden tools to insure they are in good working order and clean. We hope Mother Nature will shine down on us soon to give our plants the warmth they need to fill our gardens with all the colors of spring.



~~~~Kami's Spring Message~~~~

We have come to the end of our shipping season. Please look for our 2011-2012 Catalog due out in May!!!



Did you know?

For success in the strawberry garden, start with a sunny, weed-free location. Your berry garden should get at least 6 hours of sunshine daily. The more sun they get, the sweeter the fruit will be. Weeds in the strawberry patch will compete for the nutrients from the soil. Small fruits will grow well in many different soil types as long as the soil has good drainage. If drainage is a problem, raised beds are recommended. Avoid planting strawberries in soil where previous crops were strawberries, raspberries, eggplant, peppers, tomatoes and potatoes. These may harbor soil pathogens Verticillium, Phytophthora and nematodes that could affect your new planting. **Visit the "resources center" of our website at www.weeksberry.com**

Sue's little corner

Planting Strawberries: Your soil should be prepared and free of weeds. Space your plants 12 inches apart and 3-4 feet between the rows. Plant with roots straight down. Be sure the plants are set with the middle of the crown level with the top of the soil. Be careful not to cover the crowns with soil when weeding or cultivating. Wait for growth to start before fertilizing to avoid burning the roots. Without a soil test we recommend a good balanced blend of Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potassium and Sulfur. (3 ounces of Nitrogen per 100 square feet of garden) The same fertilizer that works in your vegetable garden will give excellent results on strawberries.

~~~~HAPPY GARDENING~~~~

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