

First Year Everbearing & Day Neutral Strawberry Growing Checklist



- ☐ Prepare & Amend soil
(Apply compost and/or fertilizer; Fertilizer: ½ to 1 lb. 10-10-10 per 100 square feet 2 to 3 weeks before planting [to avoid burning plants]; tilling the soil is recommended to remove all weeds and grasses)
- ☐ Plant strawberry plants
(Full sun, 12 inches apart in single or double row, 2 ½ to 3 feet between rows
Bare root plants: early spring, as soon as soil is workable
Plugs and Transplants: Soil temperature 50°F+ (10°C), after danger of frost)
- ☐ Mulch for weed control & moisture control
(Straw or salt marsh hay recommended)
- ☐ Water during establishment:
(1 to 1 ½ inches per week from rain or supplemental watering)
- ☐ Control Weeds
(Weed weekly)
- ☐ Pinch & Remove first flush of blossoms
(Remove all blossoms for the first 3 to 4 weeks of flowering)
- ☐ Fertilize at Week 4 (four weeks after planting)
(Apply 1 lb 10-10-10 fertilizer per 100 feet or top dress with compost)
- ☐ Stop removing blossoms after first flower flush
- ☐ Allow plants to blossom and develop berries from mid summer through fall
(Following first flush blossom removal, until fall frosts ends production)
- ☐ Fertilize every 2 weeks after week 8, until fruit production stops
(Apply soluble fertilizer according to label instructions)
- ☐ Water throughout the season
(1+ inches per week if not getting 1 inch or more of rain)
- ☐ Remove all runners for the life of the plants
- ☐ Mulch for winter protection [in freezing locations]
(Apply 3 to 4 inches straw after several frosts or plant dormancy)

