

First Year June Bearing Strawberry Growing Checklist



- ☐ Prepare & Amend soil
(Apply compost and/or fertilizer; Fertilizer: ½ lb. 10-10-10 per 100 square feet 2 to 3 weeks before planting [to avoid burning plants]; Tilling recommended)
- ☐ Plant strawberry plants
(full sun, 12 to 18 inches apart, 3 to 4 feet between rows)
Bare root plants: early spring, when 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 (rain or supplemental)
- ☐ Control Weeds
(weed weekly)
- ☐ Pinch & Remove first flush of blossoms
(remove all blossoms during the first growing year)
- ☐ Allow runners to fill in matted rows
(let up to 4 daughter runners root per plant; direct runners to bare spots where you want them to fill in, press lightly into soil; allow to root and grow into additional plants)
- ☐ Cut extra runners
(clip any other runners produced after four have been allowed to set; prevents crowding, disease, and stress on parent plant; allows for bigger, better berry production)
- ☐ Water throughout season
(1+ inches per week)
- ☐ Mulch for winter protection [in freezing locations]
(apply 3 to 4 inches straw after several frosts or plant dormancy)

