



# GROWING YOUR STRAWBERRIES



**Common Name:** **STRAWBERRY**

**Botanical Name:** *Fragaria x ananassa* **Family Name:** Rosaceae

**Plant Type:** Herbaceous Perennial **Size:** 15cm H x 25cm W

**Positioning:** Full Sun **Planting Width:** 30cm.

**General Information:** There are several varieties of strawberries, some suited to warmer climates (Torrey) or cooler climates (Red Gauntlet). **Soil:** Well Drained, moist and friable. **Watering:** Keep soil moist but not too wet. **Fertilising:** Prepare the soil with poultry manure or compost plus a ration of mixed fertiliser. Mulch with an organic material such as straw or lay black plastic to prevent weeds, this will also maintain an even soil temperature and prevent moisture loss in summer. After flowering starts, feed with a liquid fertiliser every few weeks. **Pruning:** Remove old dead leaves and trim straggly roots before planting. Dislikes Frosts and Hot Winds. **Pests:** Snails, Slugs, Aphids, Thrip and Red Spider Mites. Treat as required.

**Ideal for** Containers, Hanging baskets or Garden Beds.

**Tips:** To obtain a third crop of fruit, prune plants to 2cm above the crown once the second crop has finished. Fruit should be clean and brightly coloured when picking with no sign of soft spots or mould. Look for a green stem cap and avoid fruit with white or green areas. \*\*\*Purchase only Certified Virus Free Strawberry runners and for best results discard plants after 3 years and replace with new Virus Free runners in a different area of the garden.