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Rhubarb—The Pie Plant

Rhubarb roots are high in starch, like a potato, and are propagated by division, leaving open wounds that can easily decay if there are high levels of compost organisms in your soil.



IT'S BETTER TO BE SHALLOW

Planting crowns too deep will at the least delay production and at the worst kill the plant.

1/4 to 1/3 of the crown should be above ground level. If the bud itself is below the soil line it may rot off and fail to grow. **DO NOT BURY THE CROWN BELOW THE SOIL.**

Homeowners should apply 1 cup of 10-10-10 fertilizer in a circle each spring around the plant.

One light picking may be taken during the year following planting. Do not remove more than 1/2 of the developed stalks from any plant at one time. This will give the plant strength for the next season.

Once planted, rhubarb plantings remain productive for 8 to 15 years.

Did you know.....

Rhubarb is a member of the buckwheat family and botanically speaking, it's a vegetable, not a fruit.

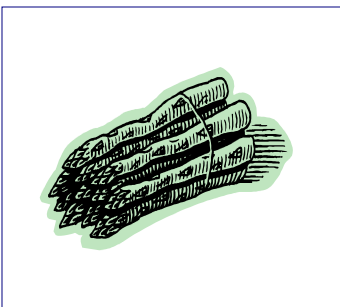
Rhubarb is a cool season perennial crop. It prefers cool, moist summers with daytime temperatures that do not exceed 90 degrees F and requires winter temperatures below 40 degrees. As a result, rhubarb **USUALLY** cannot be grown in the south or in the hot, dry conditions of the western states. It **MAY** grow in those areas but will probably produce thin leaf stalks that are spindly and lack color.

Q & A

Can I use salt on my asparagus bed as a weed killer?

In our opinion, NO. It doesn't hurt the asparagus but it does inhibit water penetration into the soil and rains can leach the salt into other parts of the garden and damage other vegetables.

ASPARAGUS



Indiana gardeners can plant asparagus from early April to late May, after the soil has warmed up to about 50 degrees F. There is no advantage to planting the crowns in cold, wet soils because they will not grow until the soil warms up and there is increased risk to Fusarium rot.

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Uncovering Strawberries:

Consult weather reports or gardening almanacs to determine the average date of the last spring frost. Avoid removing winter mulch until this time whenever possible.

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Strawberries should be planted outdoors as soon as the ground soil is soft and warm enough to dig up and easily till. In most climates this will be sometime in March or April. Earliest spring planting ensures that the strawberry plants' root systems are well developed before the heat of summer comes along.

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