



EDIBLE
GARDENING
SERIES

Caneberries

This includes boysenberries, loganberries and blackberries. They produce reliably with huge loads of fruits of different flavors and harvest times.

EXPOSURE

Full sun to part shade.

PLANTING

Plant rows in a North to South direction. We recommend **Gardner & Bloome Organic Soil Building Compost** and **Dr. Earth Starter Fertilizer**. Most cane berries are planted 4 feet apart, and the rows are 8 to 10 feet apart, and need a trellis system, like raspberries. Blackberries are planted 3 to 4 feet apart and need no support.

PRUNING

New canes grow for one year, over winter, set fruit the following summer and then die. At that time, the old canes need to be cut down at ground level. Blackberries are the exception: tip their new canes to 36 inches as they develop during the summer to promote lateral branching. After harvest retain only 3 or 4 of the strongest new canes. In the following spring, cut back lateral branches to 12 to 18 inches–this improves fruit production.

FERTILIZING

Apply in late winter as the plants begin to break dormancy. Use **Dr. Earth Fruit Tree Fertilizer** in spring as buds begin to swell and then again 4 to 6 weeks later.

MULCHING

Apply 2 to 3 inches of **Soil Building Compost** annually around the base of your plants.

WATERING

Watering is crucial during fruiting season as well in late summer when they are setting flower buds for the next season.

NETTING

Net berries to prevent loss of fruit from birds.

HARVESTING

Late May through September, depending on the variety.

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