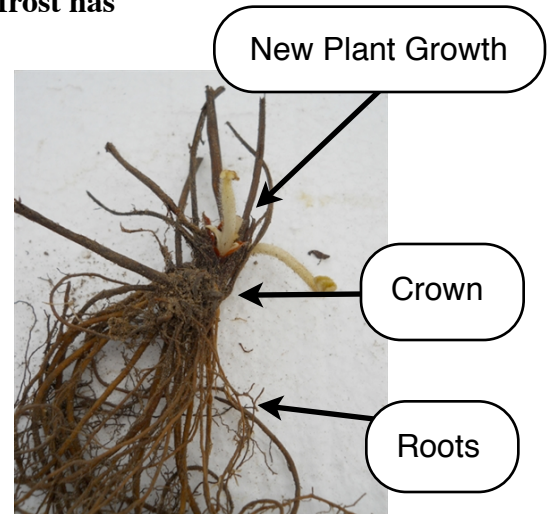


How to plant your Ozark Beauty Strawberries

Your plants have been temporarily packaged for shipping, but will do best when air can circulate above the crown. When you receive your strawberries, be sure to remove any plastic or non breathable packaging from above the crown of the plant. Take care to protect the roots from drying out or becoming waterlogged. You can temporarily place the plants into a container, covering the roots with wood chips, potting soil, or other protective material that will hold in moisture, until you are able to get them in the garden. Keep the roots moist and make sure the plants stay cool, between 40-60F degrees.

Plant the bare root strawberries outside after danger of hard frost has passed.

1. Prepare a full sun, well-draining garden plot with 3 inches of compost dug into a 12-inch depth.
2. Soak the bare root strawberry plants for 20 minutes in a bucket of water. Just soak the roots, there's no need to submerge the entire plant. This allows the roots to rehydrate and break their dormant cycle.
3. Dig planting holes to the length of the roots and two times as wide. Gently spread out the roots in the hole and fill in with soil, keeping the crown of the plant at soil level. Ideal spacing is 14-20" apart, remember, they will spread!
4. Water generously.
5. Heap a 2-inch layer of mulch around each plant, straw works excellent for strawberries. If it is early or late in the season and there is a chance of frost, use extra mulch for protection.



Alternately, you can plant your strawberries in a container, bringing them outside to the patio when the weather warms. Ideally, 1 plant per 8"-12" container, or you can use a large strawberry pot, with multiple tiers. These are typically 18"-24" in diameter for 6+ plants. Be sure you use a good potting soil and fertilize regularly.

Water regularly. Protect from insects and herbivores. Bare root strawberry plants should begin leafing out by early summer. We recommend using a fish emulsion fertilizer, or making your own compost fertilizer.

Storing Bare Root Strawberries

Storing bare root strawberries is not recommended, but sometimes it can't be avoided. When storing bare root plants, protect from freezing and warm temperatures. 40F is Ideal. Protecting the roots is important, be sure to cover them up. Either place the plants in potting soil, sand, or wood chips and sawdust; anything to shield the roots and hold in moisture. When storing bare root strawberries, never let the roots dry out. Keep the roots moist, not waterlogged. The sooner you get them into the garden, the better.