

# **GROW** a Strawberry Oasis



Growing strawberries is easy when you follow these handy growing tips.

**Position:** Plant your strawberries in a full sun position in a garden bed that has been prepared with matured animal manure and compost.

Alternatively, use a strawberry pot, container or hanging basket that is at least 30cm in diameter

and that has good drainage. If planting in pots use a fresh supply of an Australian Standards potting mix for best results.

**Height/Spacing:** Strawberry plants generally grow 25-30cm in height and perform best if spaced 35-40cm apart.

Fertilising: Apply Potassium (K) rich fertiliser to encourage flowering and fruiting.

**Watering:** Strawberries like moist soil. Mulching with straw will prevent soil from drying out, suppress weeds, protect the fruit from damage, and to reduce the potential for fungal diseases to spread.

**Harvesting:** Expect fruit to be ready to pick 14-18 weeks after planting your seedlings. Remove or thin out runners for bigger fruit and a greater yield. Replace plants every three years to ensure a top quality harvest and good sized fruit.

**Enjoy!:** More versatile than you might think, strawberries may be used in desserts, jams, salads, wine and even as a salad filling.

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## C CODE PUNNETS

## **Strawberry Sweetheart**

Strawberry Sweetheart produces a high yield of sweet, red fruit.

### **POT VEGIES RANGE**

## **Strawberry Delight**

A robust strawberry with sweet, medium-sized fruit and pretty pink flowers. Looks delightful in pots and hanging baskets.

### **Strawberry Hokowase**

A sweet, low-acid variety from Japan that produces large fruit from early in the season.

## **Strawberry Lowanna**

Strawberry Lowanna has been bred for Australian conditions and fruits for longer than many other varieties. The large berries retain their shape even during hot periods.

### **Strawberry Red Gauntlet**

A popular commercial variety that produces large, delicious and very sweet fruit.

## HOME HARVEST RANGE

#### **Strawberry Supreme**

A strong and compact plant that produces fruit for longer. The sweet, firm fruit are also richer in vitamin C. Remove early runners to maximise bud set.

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