

planting fruit shrubs



Poundland sell 2 types of Fruit Shrubs:
Cane Soft Fruit – Tayberry, Raspberry & Blueberry
Bush Soft Fruit – Blackcurrant, Redcurrant & Gooseberries

Tools you need:

- Fork
- Spade
- Secateurs
- Fertiliser
- Planting Material
- Stakes / Gardening String

Choosing your site:

All soft fruits should be planted in a light, sunny position.

Soil:

The fruits must be planted in well-prepared soil along with plenty of well-rotted manure. It is also advisable to add a mulch cover during late winter before new growth starts.

Planting:

- Soak the roots in a bucket of water for one hour prior to planting.
- Dig a hole large enough to accommodate the roots without causing any damage. Cover the roots with soil and firm down by lightly treading on the soil and water in well.
- Grow as individual plants or in rows keeping 1.2m apart for bush fruits and 50cm apart for cane fruits and 2m between rows.

Pruning:

- Pruning is essential for the long term well being of the plant and will increase the size of the crop.
- Try to allow plenty of sunlight to reach the fruit to ripen it quickly. Prune blackcurrants after fruiting by removing the fruited shoots once the crop has been harvested. Cut these off at ground level to make way for new shoots.
- Redcurrants and Gooseberries should be pruned in later winter/early spring.
- Cane Fruits: Reduce the canes back to 25cm high in the first spring after planting, then in following years cut to ground level after harvesting the crop.

After care:

- Cane fruits will require staking. Feed with a liquid fertiliser annually in early to mid spring.

Harvest:

Pick fruits when ripened.

Top tip! - Pick fruits regularly to encourage more growth.