

Bare-Root Fruits and Vegetables

Asparagus | Blackberry | Blueberry | Horseradish | Raspberry | Rhubarb | Strawberry | Currants | Gooseberries

Unpack your products immediately upon arrival. Should any product be damaged, please take photographs and notify Harris Seeds immediately. *Claims must be received within 48 hours of receipt of product* and photographs of all damaged product is required.

General Information

Product shipped in a dormant or bare root (soil less) condition may appear to be dead — growth processes have been temporarily shut down. Bare root products have been conditioned for shipping and will start growth after planting. They have imaginary alarm clocks that tell them to begin root development as soon as they are planted. Root development is necessary before they begin their upward growth. Most spring-planted products may need 4-8 weeks before above ground growth is visible.

Asparagus crown roots may have a small amount of mold on them upon arrival, and that is normal. This can be cleaned off before planting by spraying product with water to remove any mold.

All bare root product from our supplier Garden Galleries is A-1 graded according to the standards set by the American Association of Nurserymen. All plants are inspected and certified disease free by New York State Department of Agriculture Inspectors at the nursery.



Receiving Care

Once out of proper storage conditions, plants don't like to be kept waiting, so they will need your immediate attention. Transplanting within 24 hours after receiving is always best. However, if you must delay planting for any reason, we recommend the following:

- Do not allow roots or tops to dry out at any time. The only exception is Asparagus; these crowns are shipped dry and should be stored in a cool dry place.
- Keep nursery stock out of the wind and sun.
- Keep nursery stock out of freezing temperatures.
- For short term storage (less than a week): If soil conditions are not ready for planting, store plants in refrigerated storage or a root cellar. If these areas are not available, wet plants down and keep in a cool, moist area.
- For a longer holding period, plants may be trenched in or "heeled" in soil, sawdust or wood chips. Make sure the roots are covered well and watered well. For best long term storage, plants may be potted up and transplanted when soils are ready.
- Plant roots may be soaked before planting in order to encourage rehydration. Soak plant roots only for up to 2 hours in room temperature water. Do not soak plant tops.