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Planting & Aftercare Guide



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Celebrating 80 Years Since 1947

Thank you for choosing English's Fruit Nursery. For over 80 years, we have been helping gardeners, growers and fruit enthusiasts select the right fruit trees and plants for their gardens, orchards and community projects.

This guide provides practical planting and aftercare advice for fruit trees, soft fruit, nuts and speciality crops. By following these simple guidelines, you'll give your plants the best possible start and enjoy healthy growth and harvests for years to come.

Why Choose English's Fruit Nursery?

- 🌳 Celebrating 80 Years of Experience
- 🍎 Wide Range of Fruit Trees & Soft Fruit
- 👋 Friendly Expert Advice & Support
- 🌱 Quality Plants for Irish Growing Conditions
- 📍 Family Nursery Based in Co. Wexford

What's Inside This Guide?

- 🍏 Fruit Tree Planting Instructions
- 🍓 Soft Fruit Planting Instructions
- 🌰 Nut Tree Planting Instructions
- 💧 Watering & Aftercare Advice
- ✂️ Pruning & Maintenance Tips



Before You Plant

Following these simple steps will help your fruit trees and plants establish quickly and thrive for years to come



Choosing the Right Site

- Choose a sunny position where possible.
- Avoid waterlogged areas.
- Protect from strong winds.



Soil Preparation

- Remove weeds and grass.
- Dig a hole wider than the roots.
- Improve poor soil with organic matter.



What You'll Need

- Spade
- Bucket of Water
- Tree Stake
- Tree Tie
- Gloves (Optional)



Watering After Planting

- Water thoroughly after planting.
- Keep soil moist during the first growing season.
- Water more frequently during dry periods.



Top Tip: Soak the bare-root trees in water for 1-2 hours before planting if the roots appear dry

Planting Your Fruit Trees

Suitable for: Apples, Pears, Plums, Cherries, Apricots, Peaches, Nectarines, Quince, Medlar, Mulberry, Damsons, Gages, Walnut, Hazelnut



PLANTING YOUR FRUIT TREE

Step 1 – Soak the Roots

 Before planting, soak bare-root roots in water for 1–2 hours.

Step 2 – Dig & Position



Dig a hole wider than the roots

Position the tree with the graft union above soil level

Step 3 – Backfill & Stake

Refill with soil and firm gently.

Stake the tree if required.

Step 4 – Water Thoroughly

 Water well immediately after planting.

Important - Keep the graft union (the swollen join near the base of the trunk) **5-10cm above soil level**

Tree Spacing Guide

Apples

M9: 3-6ft

M26: 6-9ft

MM106: 12-15ft

Pears:

Quince A: 7-10ft

Plums, Gages, & Damsons

St Julien: 4-8ft

Cherries

Colt: 13-16ft

Apricots, Peaches, Nectarines:

St Julien A: 6-8ft

Medlars:

6-9ft

Hazelnuts:

6-9ft

Walnuts:

20ft



Need help planning your orchard?

Contact English's Fruit Nursery for advice on rootstocks, spacing and fruit tree selection



Aftercare & Watering



💧 Watering

Water thoroughly immediately after planting.

Water regularly during dry spells.

Young trees need extra watering during their first growing season.

Avoid waterlogging the roots.

🍂 Mulching

Apply a 2–3 inch layer of organic mulch around the base.

Keep mulch clear of the trunk.

Mulch helps retain moisture and suppress weeds.

🌿 Feeding

Apply a balanced fertiliser in spring.

Avoid overfeeding young trees.

Well-rotted farmyard manure or compost is beneficial.

🛡️ Tree Protection

Keep the area around the trunk free from weeds and grass.

Check stakes and ties regularly.

Replace damaged ties as required.



Top Tip

Healthy roots = healthy trees!

Watering and weed control during the first two years after planting are the most

important factors in successful establishment.

Soft Fruit Planting Guide

Suitable for Strawberries, Raspberries, Blackcurrants, Gooseberries



PLANTING SOFT FRUIT

Step 1 – Choose the Right Site

Most soft fruit prefers a sunny position. Shelter from strong winds where possible.
Avoid waterlogged ground.

Step 2 – Prepare the Soil

Remove weeds and grass. Dig in plenty of well-rotted compost or organic matter.
Improve drainage if necessary.

Step 3 – Planting

Spread roots out naturally. Plant at the same depth as previously grown.
Firm soil gently around the roots.

Step 4 – Water Thoroughly

Water immediately after planting. Keep soil moist during dry periods.

Water regularly during the first growing season.

Soft Fruit Spacing Guide

Recommended Spacing

🍓 Strawberries: 12–18 inches apart

🍷 Blueberries: 4–5 feet apart

🍇 Grapes: 6–8 feet apart

🍓 Raspberries: 18–24 inches apart

🌿 Asparagus Crowns: 12–18 inches apart

🍷 Blackberries: 6–8 feet apart

🍷 Blackcurrants, Redcurrants & Whitecurrants: 4–5 feet apart

🍷 Gooseberries: 4–5 feet apart

🌿 Rhubarb: 3–4 feet apart



📞 Need More Help?

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