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## Planting Bare-Root Strawberries

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<b>When:</b>	Early spring, with heavy mulching
<b>Depth:</b>	Crown should be at soil level
<b>Spacing:</b>	14-18" apart, in rows 18" apart
<b>Soil:</b>	Rich, organic, well-drained (25% compost)
<b>Sun:</b>	Full sun for at least 6 hours daily
<b>Water:</b>	Deep soaking (especially while bearing fruit; about twice a week)
<b>Fertilizer:</b>	Use super phosphate when planting; for established plants, or after first crop, use a balanced fertilizer in early spring
<b>*Note:</b>	Pinch off earliest blossoms to increase plant strength. Mulch to keep down weeds and conserve moisture. Pinch off runners for large plants and small yields of big berries; keep runners for heavy yields of smaller berries