

# BLUEBERRY

## Site Selection:

Full sun is ideal, but blueberries will crop in partial shade with slightly reduced yields. Space plants about 5 feet apart and they will grow to head high. They will begin cropping after their second or third year and every year thereafter. Plant blueberries a little “high” in a bed or on sloping ground. Dig the hole one inch shallower and three times the diameter of the pot size. Do not plant in a low spot or where temporary flooding occurs.

## Care:

Treat blueberry bushes like you do azaleas – use organic acid fertilizer and *never* lime them. We carry a product called Holly-Tone that is great for blueberries, azaleas, and evergreens. Mulch their bed with leaves each fall.



## Varieties

Variety selection is very important for blueberries, as there are many different types and the varieties that grow in Maine, in the NC mountains, or on the coast are most likely unsuitable for our NC Piedmont region. All of the varieties that Renfrow’s offers are self-pollinating **rabbiteyes**, which consistently do the best around here. “Self-pollinating” means that one plant will produce fruit on its own. *However* if you are looking to enjoy lots of blueberries the magic number is three bushes – one each of three different rabbiteye varieties. Choosing three different ones helps the plants to pollinate each other more thoroughly, increasing yields. It also broadens your harvest window as you can select early-season, mid-season, and late-season fruiting varieties. Our shipment typically arrives in October and the best timeframe to plant fruit is in the fall and winter months so that the plants have time to establish their roots before the heat of summer hits.

2023 *Varieties:*

<b>Early-Season</b> <i>Mid-June</i>	<b>Mid-Season</b> <i>Late June to mid-July</i>	<b>Late-Season</b> <i>Mid to late July</i>
Alice Blue	Powder Blue	Delite
Austin	Premier	
Climax		

*\*Varieties change each season based on availability. Be sure to check our online availability or give us a call if you have your mind set on a specific variety.*