

GET TO KNOW: STRAWBERRIES



EASY TO GROW

CONTAINER FRIENDLY



TYPES

June-Bearing: Big strawberries that ripen for 4 weeks in June with 1 harvest per year.

Ever-Bearing: Smaller berries with large harvests in the spring and fall.

Day-Neutral: Small berries that produce from spring till first frost. Not for preserving.

PLANTING

When: Best planted in the spring

Where: Plant in well-drained soil between 6.5–6.8 pH. Not near eggplant, peppers, potatoes, or tomatoes.

How: Plant 18 inches apart and not too deep. Add mulch.

HARVESTING



Underripe



READY!



Overripe

CARE AND KEEPING



Water your strawberries **1–2 times** per week. **Avoid** getting leaves wet.

Strawberries need **6–10 hours** of **sun** daily



Harvest strawberries in the **cool morning** and refrigerate them right away.

Watch out for Aphids, Japanese Beetles, Army Worms, Loopers, Slugs, and Strawberry mites



Grasp stem between forefinger and thumbnail, lightly pull and twist. Let berries **roll** into the palm of your hand. **Gently place** into container and do not overfill to avoid smashing

Recipe Idea: Strawberry Lemonade “Mojito” Mocktail

INGREDIENTS

2 cups strawberries, sliced
½ cup of fresh mint leaves, packed
1 cup of your favorite lemonade
1 cup club soda or seltzer water

INSTRUCTIONS

Add strawberries and half the mint leaves to a pitcher and muddle gently with a wooden spoon. Add the lemonade and club soda to the pitcher. Add the rest of the fresh mint leaves, pour over ice, and enjoy! Can adjust any of the ingredient amounts to your taste!