

# Bare Root Plants



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As spring approaches, gardeners are looking for the best ways to establish healthy plants in their landscapes. **One of the most cost-effective and efficient methods is planting bare root stock.**

To ensure success, plant bare root stock while the plants are still dormant. However, if they have begun to leaf out, they can still be planted successfully.

Our bare root stock at Warner's Nursery typically arrives in mid-March, and planting can continue through May. We offer a variety of small fruits and vegetable bare root plants, including:

- Multiple varieties of raspberries
- Black Satin Blackberries
- Seedless red and white grapes
- Chandler Blueberries
- Horseradish
- Green & purple asparagus
- Nugget Hops
- Crimson Red Rhubarb

## ***Bare root plants offer several advantages over their potted counterparts:***

### OPTIMAL GROWTH

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Bare root plants have a highly extensive root system because they are grown in the ground from the very start (as opposed to being cultivated in a pot prior to planting). That means their roots have never been restricted by a container, leading to optimal growth!

### BETTER VALUE

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Without the costs of containers, bare root plants are more affordable, making it easier to establish a thriving garden without breaking the bank.

### COLD HARDY

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Since bare root plants are dormant when shipped and sold, they can withstand freezing temperatures. This means you can plant in early spring without worrying about frost damage.



# Tips for Bare Root Success in Northern Arizona

Through trial and error, we've found that bare root trees do not transplant well in Flagstaff due to the unpredictable weather and soil temperature. For this reason, we focus on small fruit plants, which have proven to thrive in our climate.

Follow these steps for the best results:

**Choose a Sunny Location** – Your plants will need at least six hours of direct sunlight daily to produce fruit.

**Soak the Roots** – Place the roots in a container of lukewarm water mixed with 3 tablespoons of root stimulator per gallon. Let them soak overnight before planting.

**Dig the Right Hole** – Dig a hole slightly deeper than the plant's roots and check for proper spacing requirements.

**Build a Soil Mound** – Inside the hole, create a small mound of soil. Place the plant's crown on top of the mound, fan the roots around it, and lightly pat soil over the roots to cover them.

**Fill and Mulch** – Fill in the hole with your amended soil. Mulch helps retain moisture and keeps the soil warm for optimal root establishment.

**Water Regularly** – Keep the soil moist but not soggy. For the first 4-6 weeks, water once a week with a root stimulator solution to help plants establish.



By following these guidelines, your bare root plants will have the best chance to flourish in your garden.

Visit Warner's Nursery this spring to pick up your bare root stock and get expert advice on making your garden a success!