## **GARDEN RESOURCE PROGRAM 2024 Strawberry Transplant Instructions**

VARIETY: Albion strawberries are day-neutral with very large, firm, conical-shaped berries with excellent flavor.

**SPACING:** Plant 12 inches apart. Plants will put out new, fruiting vines (called runners) which will fill in most of the vacant space by late summer.

GROWING TIPS: Spread out bundled transplants and trim off any dead leaves and roots. Find the central crown, plant so the base of the crown rests at the soil line and the roots are spread out below. In the first year pick off flowers to encourage the plant to develop a healthy root system. If you don't need more plants, removing all runners will increase the production of big, juicy berries. Runners (or clones) can be lifted and moved in late summer or first thing in spring. June-bearing strawberries produce lots of runners, so rows quickly become a tangle of plants. To capitalize on this habit, manage the plants as a ground cover. Then mow (yes mow! lawn mowers are fine) the tattered foliage down in late summer, and mulch between plants.



## WATERING

Water immediately after transplanting. Apply a generous amount of water to the soil just around the base of the plant. To ensure that you have watered enough, follow these steps: 1. Water the plant until you see the water glisten at the top of the soil 2. Water the next plant the same way. 3. Go back to the first plant and re-water, then repeat for the second, etc.



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