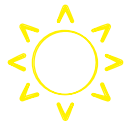
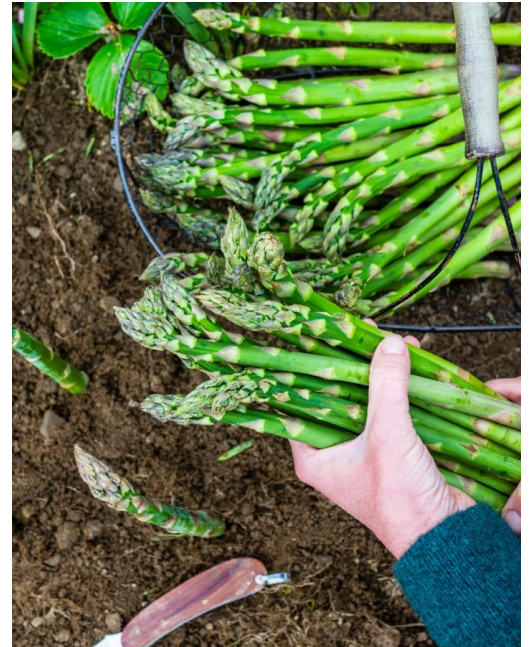


How do I plant Asparagus crowns?

PLANTING

- 1 To plant asparagus crowns, dig trenches 12” wide and 6” deep.
- 2 Place crowns in trenches about 18” apart; top them with 2-3” of soil and water in well.
- 3 As new growth emerges, approximately 2 weeks later, periodically continue to add soil until it is slightly mounded above surface level to allow for settling.
- 4 Keep bed weeded. Once growth is well along, mulch with chopped straw to control weeds and control soil temperature.
- 5 Keep your asparagus well watered during the first growing season, keeping soil moist but not overly wet. Be sure to apply supplemental water in years with dry springs.
- 6 Leave dead foliage (and mulch) in place in fall to provide winter protection. Cut back dead foliage in very early spring and reapply mulch if needed.



Asparagus does best in full sun, but will tolerate some light shade.



Light, sandy soil is ideal.

If your soil is heavy/clay, be sure to incorporate a good quality organic compost into your soil at planting time to help provide better drainage. Raised beds also make an excellent planting option for asparagus.

HARVESTING

1st

Do not harvest any spears during the first year.

2nd

Second season you may harvest lightly.

3rd

Third season harvest for about 8 weeks once plants begin producing spears.