



SUMMARY PLANTING GUIDE - CURRANTS & GOOSEBERRIES

SPACING

- 3'-4' within row unless otherwise noted
- Rows should be at least 6' apart
- Choose a sunny location, but avoid southern exposure

IRRIGATION

- Planting on a slope facilitates drainage
- 1"-2" rainfall or equivalent per week
- Maintain adequate moisture especially following planting
- Gooseberry fruit will sunburn more easily if soil is too dry

FERTILIZATION

- None is required during the planting year
- In following years, 5oz. of 10-10-10 per plant in spring or split with half in spring half in summer
- pH: 6.0-6.5

WEED CONTROL

- Cultivation by scuffle hoe or manual weeding is needed
- Mulch will assist with weed control
- Straw, sawdust or woodchips can be applied at 2"-4"
- Contact a local extension before using chemicals

PRUNING

- Black currants have different pruning needs from red currants and gooseberries. See pruning guides for specific techniques.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Black currants produce better with 2 or more varieties