**Heirloom Blueberry Plants, LLC**

DIY Planting Instructions

1. Upon arrival at home where blueberry plants will be planted remove plants from your truck and place in the shade. Keep watered thoroughly until planted
2. Choose a location that receives as much sun as possible
3. Once you have chosen a location, dig a hole 8-12” larger than the plants root ball. If the ball is 36” across, dig a 48” X 48” hole. Depth should also be 8-10” deeper than the depth of the root ball.
4. Once the hole has been completed, check the pH, adjust as needed. Blueberries do best when the pH is 4.5-6. This can be done with a simple Luster Leaf pH kit #1612. You need ½ cup of elemental sulfur to reduce one pH point over time. You will also need to add soluble sulfur at 2 oz per hole to get a jump start on pH reduction. We recommend 2 cups of low nitrogen organic fertilizer like Nurtirich 4-3-2 per hole, 1.5 lbs. of vermicompost, and 1 oz of sugar.
5. After all nutrients have been added to the hole, add 4-8” of fine fir bark or aged sawdust. Blend everything together with native soil. If your native soil is poor and rocky buy some good topsoil.
6. Place your plant into the center of the hole.
7. Fill around the edges of the root ball with a blend of fine fir bark and your native soil. If your native soil is poor and rocky buy some good topsoil.
8. Sprinkle ½ cup of elemental sulfur on the surface of the root ball and surrounding area out to the dripline. Repeat using a low nitrogen fertilizer 2 cups, 1.5 lbs. of vermicompost, and 1 oz of sugar.
9. Spread 3-4” of fine fir bark or aged sawdust out at least 2 feet all around the plant. Make sure you cover the entire root zone. This holds moisture in and keeps roots cool.
10. Finally, Prune 1 or 2 of the largest oldest canes out, approx. 8-12” above the ground. Make the cut at an angle so water will not sit on top and cause rot. This will stimulate new growth to renovate your plant and increase berry production. This should be done every year. Over the course of 4-5 years you will have a freshly renovated plant with the strength of an 80-year-old root ball without losing berry production.