

Licking County Master Gardener Volunteers



Bramble Garden

Brambles or caneberries include red, yellow, black and purple raspberries and thorned and thornless blackberries. Brambles are among the types of fruit that can be grown in the home garden.

Our garden has black raspberries, and the variety name is Jewel.

- These ten plants were started from approximately 1 ¼ inch cube plugs
- Life expectancy: 8 – 10 years
- Yield per plant: up to 1 quart
- Plant in rows 24 – 30 inches apart in rows 6 -8 foot apart
- Have a perennial root system, which produce:
 - First year canes are called primocanes and are vegetative only.
 - Second year canes are called floricanes that bear fruit.

Brambles need pruning to maximize production, maintain plant health and facilitate harvesting. The pruning methods depend on the type and variety of bramble. For example, everbearing red raspberries can simply be mowed off 2-3 inches from the ground after fall harvest. Our black raspberries require removing the floricanes after fruiting (the floricanes die after bearing fruit), then before the spring growth, all but 4 to 5 of the sturdiest new floricanes (the previous year's primocanes) on each plant are removed.



Before pruning in December 2021



After Pruning in December 2021

More information on brambles of other home fruit production can be found in the Midwest Home Fruit Production Guide: <https://extensionpubs.osu.edu/midwest-home-fruit-production-guide/>