

Growing Blueberries



Now it's easy to grow your own!

Remember: Blueberries yield much bigger crops when paired with another variety. There is such a great selection of adapted-to-low-chill varieties, that it's possible to avoid the Northern Highbush varieties completely unless you are sure you have the climate conditions to suit them.

To make growing blueberries easier, do NOT plant them in the ground!!

- Blueberries make a wonderful container plant.

- Container-grown blueberries are ornamental as well as productive.
- See: [Blueberries in Containers](#).

Blueberries like a low PH of 4.5 to 6.0, with 5.5 being optimal, and they like to grow in actively decomposing organic matter.

Soil sulfur needed to achieve 4.5 pH (in teaspoons per cubic foot of soil mix):

pH	Sand	Loam	Clay
5.0	0.5	1.5	2.3
5.5	1.0	3.0	4.5
6.0	1.4	4.3	6.5
6.5	1.8	5.6	8.4
7.0	2.5	7.5	11.3

Here is a here is a blueberry potting mix that has been very successful:

- 1/3 pathway bark (1/4 inch)
- 1/3 peat moss (coarse, if you can find it)
- 1/3 leaf mold or forest humus based potting soil
- Mix together and add 2 tablespoons of soil sulfur



This mix will get your container blueberries off to a great start. Then, in the spring, use a fertilizer high in nitrogen (sulfate or urea) and minor nutrients.

Check carefully when selecting fertilizers: **the nitrogen must not be from nitrate**, which can be deadly to blueberries (don't find out the hard way!).