

# Blueberry Planting Instructions



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Your Blueberry bushes will be most happy and productive growing in large pots. They thrive in a low-pH (4.5-5.5), well-drained, yet moisture-holding soil, and it is nearly impossible to achieve and maintain this growing environment in native soil. Plus, growing them in pots will allow you to move them for more sun or more shade if needed. We recommend a pot at least 24" x 24" for each bush.

Blueberries also require a "pollinator friend", so begin with at least two 5-gallon bushes. With Blueberries, the more bushes, the "merrier" the harvest!

## **What you'll need for two bushes in 24" x 24" Containers**

### **Soil – Mix 1/3 each:**

- 🐾 Dr. Earth Acid Lover's Potting Mix – 3 Bags
- 🐾 Black Gold Medium Orchid Bark – 2 Bags
- 🐾 Earth Juice Compressed Coco Peat – 1 Block

### **Add in as you fill:**

- 🐾 6 cups Black Gold Organic Worm Castings
- 🐾 2 Organic Mycorrhizae Tea Bags
- 🐾 3 cups Black Gold Azalea (acid based) Fertilizer

Fill the pot several inches with equal parts of the soils above, moisten, and set the bush in, placing the Mycorrhizae Tea Bags *under* the root ball. Be sure to plant the bush at the same level it was in the original container. Fill in soil, bark and coco peat around the bush in equal parts, adding in the Castings and Fertilizer, mixing all as you go, watering and tamping down. Finish with a layer of bark on top as a mulch to help hold in water and suppress weeds, and water well.

Fertilize monthly with acid-based granular fertilizer during the growing season for great production. They do well in mostly full sun, but may require some afternoon shade in very hot areas. Blueberries don't want to dry out, so be sure to water them thoroughly approximately twice a week. They will also enjoy regularly receiving your coffee grounds!