

Blackberry

Rubus allegheniensis

QUICK FACTS

USDA ZONES

5–9

SUNLIGHT

Full Sun

HEIGHT

10–12 ft

AT A GLANCE

Erect blackberries are the most manageable for most home gardens -- they need minimal support and are the most cold-hardy. Trailing types produce outstanding fruit but require a trellis and are less hardy. All blackberries fruit on second-year floricanes, like summer-bearing raspberries, and the pruning strategy is the same.

PLANTING CHECKLIST

- Match site to sun requirements above before buying
- Test soil drainage — dig a 12" hole, fill with water, time it (should drain in 1–2 hrs)
- Dig hole 2x wider than rootball, same depth
- Backfill with native soil — do NOT amend the planting hole
- Water deeply at planting and weekly for first 3 weeks
- Mulch 2" deep, keep mulch 2" away from trunk/stems

FULL GUIDE WITH SOURCES

<https://outdoorplantcare.com/plants/blackberry-care/>