

THERE GOES ANOTHER garden tractor, from the extensive display at Milton Equipment, Steeles Ave. Claude Twiss is all set to deliver this Kubota tractor to a

Milton home. Now that the spring weather is (finally) here, local agencies report booming sales of lawn and garden equip-

fruit. Removal of the

blossoms will prevent

fruit from setting. This

allows the row to become

established more quickly

as the young plants will

grow more vigorously.

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Raspberries give good return

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Horticultural Science Red raspberries are one of the most perishable, most prized and scarce of the temperate zone fruits. They are scarce primarily because of the cost of harvest and their perishability. If raspberries were not so perishable, they would probably be produced in cheap labor areas and shipped here. However, in Ontario, we can grow raspberries to perfection and the only way we can be assured of

ourselves. Raspberries are not difficult to grow. They probably give a greater return for labor expended than any other fruit crop. And wellmaintained raspberry planting should last at least 10 years. But, there are a few important things to know before growing this crop.

a supply is to grow them

Hardiness is a problem affected by a number of things. Varieties differ in hardiness and only recommended varieties should be grown. Trent, Boyne, Comet, Newburgh and Latham varieties have been widely

Plant it now If you've been thinking

that a birch tree would look nice on the front lawn or a lilac bush in the back garden, now is the time to start planting. Most trees and shrubs

can be planted in the spring or fall, but many established become quicker if they are put in the ground during the spring.

When digging the hole, leave enough room around the roots for the roots to grow. Remove the poor subsoil, adding peat moss or well-rotted manure to the remaining topsoil. This mixture should be worked into and around the root ball.

Tread the soil down firmly and water Some thoroughly. pruning should also be done after planting.

tested and should be planted in preference to other types. Since quality

of planting stock affects the life of a planting, plants should be bought from a reputable nur-

seryman. Poor growing conditions also affect the hardiness of the raspberry plant. Poor soil drainage is the main offender. It results in a poor root system. caus-

when winter arrives. Plants are also injured if they grow too vigorwinter when ously arrives. This condition usually results from the application of fertilizers late in the summer.

ing the plant to be weak

The choice of planting location is important. Air drainage is desirable but not essential. More is important susceptibility of rasp-

berries to a soil-borne disease harbored by the roots of tomatoes, potatoes and peppers. Avoid planting soil where these crops have been grown recently.

ment.

Raspberry rows should not be closer than seven feet apart and rows should not be wider than These inches. recommendations are aimed at controlling disease. It is also important to thin canes annually to from rows prevent dense. becoming too Thinned mean rows larger fruit and less disease. Planting distance in the row should be between 18 to 24 inches. Suckers from these plants fill out the row to the 18-inch width mentioned earlier.

In the first two years, raspberry plants should not be allowed to bear



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Good planning can double yield

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choosing vegetables to grow, consider the size of garden, family preference, and the garden location. With good planning, the yield of the average family garden can be doubled. When selecting a place for the garden, choose the area with the most sunlight, good drainage, and good soil. If the garden is small, soil conditions can be improved by adding topsoil, peat, manure, or some other materials.

You can obtain higher yields from crops grown in small areas with better environmental condit-

ions, than from larger, shaded, poorlydrained areas. minimum of six hours of sunlight each day is necessary. If the only sunny areas around your home are patios or open driveways, plants can be grown in boxes of 30 to 45 cm. of topsoil.

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