

Asparagus Planting Instructions

Dig a trench 18" deep. Take your lime, fertilizer, compost, and topsoil--make a ridge down your trench. Use the whole bag of lime. Do not use the whole bag of fertilizer. After you use some of the topsoil you dug up from the trench, the pile of soil left over can be left next to your trench. **The top of the ridge of lime, topsoil, compost, and fertilizer (mixed together) should be 8" below the existing soil level. The crown should sit atop the ridge with roots on each side.** It should look like the roots are straddling the ridge. Now, take the soil and put it in the trench up to the crown of the asparagus.

NOTE: If you have **Jersey Knight** asparagus, plant 18"-24" apart. If you have **Pacific Purple**, asparagus, you can plant it 12"-14" apart.

Remember that pile of soil you left to the side of the trench? As the season continues, and the asparagus grows, fill the trench with that soil (you will probably have to hoe the weeds out of that pile of soil through the season). At the end of the season, take a rake and make the pile of soil level with the ground.