



ASPARAGUS CROWNS

2nd Year Crowns

General

- Home grown asparagus spears are delicious – tender and thick.
- Produce a heavy yield over 2-3 months, with the first 45-60 days the most productive.
- Asparagus plants live for 15-20 years, so plenty of years production. Great value.
- Every winter cut back ferns/leaves, compost the patch and mulch. The spears will rise through the mulch in late winter/spring.

Planting Crowns

- Plant in a well drained spot as they do not like soggy roots.
- Dig compost into the area where you plan to plant.
- Dig a trench and make little mound at the bottom of a trench.
- Sit the roots of the crown on top of the mound with the roots running down into the trench.
- Plant about 40cm apart. If the roots are damaged cut them back because they are quite fleshy and will come again easily.
- Water well, once planted, so the air pockets get away from the roots. Then in spring, little shoots will appear. Side and top dress with blood and bone.

Harvest

- Do not harvest in the first year of planting. A moderate harvest in the 2nd year.
- There after go for it but leave some spears to go to leaf at the end of the season so the root system builds up strength for bigger yields.