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Dear Customer,

Thank you for ordering from Blackmoor Nurseries. We trust you will be pleased with your plants and by following our growing guide below we hope you have many years of success with them. Our plants have been professionally grown on our Nursery with the correct attention to nutrients, and pest and disease control. They are despatched in good condition ready to establish and thrive in your garden for many years to come.

Please unpack and inspect your plants immediately on arrival.

CARE GUIDE FOR Jostaberries

Planting: It is better to plant late in good conditions than early in poor conditions. If planting conditions are not ideal when the plants arrive then heeling in is recommended and allow the right planting moment to be taken from then on.

Position: For most fruits choose a warm sheltered position avoiding wet or shaded spots, although soft fruit will tolerate some shade. Avoid north walls except when planting blackberries which will crop successfully, albeit, a little later in the season. Crops are likely to be sparse in frosty situations. If birds are troublesome a fruit cage can be erected.

Soil Preparation: Dig the area to be planted and make sure the soil is clear from perennial weeds. If your soil is acid, mix in some lime, likewise add compost to a light sandy soil. If you have heavy clay, mix in some sand and plant on a raised bed to help drainage. Add Rootgrow to the roots. This helps to ensure the establishment and lifetime health of your plants. Mycorrhizal fungi are critically important to those plant groups to ensure good establishment and better early growth.

The planting site should have been enriched with compost or well-rotted manure, deeply dug in prior to the arrival of the bushes. Planting holes should not be dug until planting takes place.

Dig holes large enough to accommodate the roots/rootball without cramping. Return fine soil making sure it is well worked in around the roots/rootball by gently shaking the plants. Newly planted bushes benefit considerably from mulching with well-rotted manure or garden compost and an application of general fertilizer such as 'Growmore' or blood, fish and bone, which will also encourage stronger growth.

Jostaberries: Plant 5 ft (1.5 m) apart with 5 ft or more between rows. Plant Jostaberries firmly and deeply so that good strong young growth will come from the base.

Potted Plants: Do not need cutting down.

Prune in subsequent years by removing about a third of the wood to encourage young basal shoots.

PEST AND DISEASE CONTROL

Greenfly And Aphids: Keep a close eye on the back of the leaves from April until the end of May and spray when seen with a suitable pesticide. Bug Clear for fruit & Vegetables will control any aphids.

Fungus Diseases: It is highly beneficial and desirable to frequently spray soft fruit bushes with a suitable fungicide for the control of Mildew from early spring until the end of May.

NOTE: Always use sprays according to the manufacturer's instructions.

This guide is for general information purposes only as soil conditions and requirements vary greatly.