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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 CRANBERRY AND LINGONBERRIES

Cranberries and Lingonberries are easy to grow in the ground, provided you have a boggy, acidic patch of land.

PLANTING: Build up several layers of stones (the plants must be kept moist, not drowned!) and cover this with a thick layer of humus-rich, acidic soil. Plant 10cm deep and set the plants 60-90cm apart. Like Blueberries, the plants benefit from being planted in groups to encourage pollination.

Cranberries and Lingonberries thrive in containers and hanging baskets but they require careful watering to prevent drying out and simulating a boggy effect without drowning them.

CULTIVATION: Do not expect too much in the first couple of years but water regularly with rainwater to maintain acidity levels. Very little pruning is necessary; simply trim the bush back into shape after the fruit has been harvested.

PESTS AND DISEASES: The most likely cause of problems will be incorrect pH and moisture levels. They are also susceptible to vine weevil larvae which can destroy the root system from late summer until the following spring by over-wintering in the roots before emerging as adults in late spring/summer. Nematodes (small worms) can be used to kill the vine weevil larvae in order to protect your plants.

HARVESTING AND STORAGE: Cranberries and Lingonberries ripen later than Blueberries, being a mid/late autumn crop, rather than a late summer/early autumn crop and are best picked before the first frost.

In warm climates, Cranberries may not develop their characteristic red colour. However, the taste is usually unaffected and 'white' cranberries are a commercially exploited crop in warmer parts of the USA.

Lingonberries will keep for weeks on the plant and can be picked on Christmas Eve in time for the turkey if they have not been subjected to frosts. They also freeze well.

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