

Bare Root Fruits & Vegetable Guide



Bare-Root Plants -Wrap the bare-root plants in the plastic and store in a cool, dark place, like an unheated basement, cellar, garage or shed. It is ideal to store at a temperature of 40°F/5 C, but anything under 60°F/15C should work for a short period of time. This method will help keep your bare-root plants dormant so you can safely delay planting for up to a week or two.

Small Bare-Root Plants- Some small bare-root berries and other plants can be stored in the lower section of your refrigerator or in the "crisper" drawer. Do not store them with produce unless your plants are completely sealed in plastic (in gallon-sized re-sealable bags, for example). To be extra cautious, you can double-bag your plants in the airtight plastic. Doing so will help avoid exposing your plants to the often lethal (to living plants) gases that are naturally given off by produce in your refrigerator.



Dormant plants can be moved to the garden as soon as the soil is workable. If the plants started growing you will need to pot them up and grow them indoors until the danger of frost has passed. A cold frame will allow you to move these and other transplants outdoors a bit earlier. The covers hold the heat near the plants protecting them from frost.