



Planting Asparagus

Asparagus is a perennial vegetable (with a long lifespan - up to 20 years!) that prefers to be grown in full sun. To plant...

1. Dig a trench 18"x 18". Mix the soil you've taken out with compost, manure and, if necessary, a bit of bark mulch to make a rich, well-drained soil blend. Take the soil and create a mound at the bottom of the trench. Ruffle a bit of bonemeal into the top layer of the mound.
2. Drape asparagus roots over the mound, ensuring they go down, and leaving the crown 3" below the top of the trench. Adjust the height of the mound as needed. Space mounds 12" apart if planting more than one. Backfill the trench with the remaining soil and lightly tamp down. Water in and away you grow!

Although asparagus will produce the first year, don't harvest it. Let it grow and then cut it down in late fall and side dress with compost. Enjoy increasing harvests next spring and each year after!