

Nova Red Raspberry



Rubus idaeus 'Nova'

- **Use:** Berries are firm, bright-red, medium to large in size, and have good shelf life. Canes are vigorous, growing upright with light spines. Large-fruited and vigorous, 'Nova' is a productive and exceptionally hardy raspberry. Like all raspberries, it is a rangy shrub that grows as a thicket of upright biennial stems. Its canes (stems) have light spines. The flowers appear in clusters and are off-white. The fruits are firm and bright red and hold well after picking. Year-old canes flower in early spring and ripen their fruits in late spring. New canes flower in summer, yielding a late summer to early fall harvest.
- **Exposure/Soil:** This cultivar prefers mostly sun (a little afternoon shade) and well-drained, moderately fertile soil.
- **Growth:** Rapid growth to 4-6' tall and wide. Upright and vigorous growth.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-9; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous; In spring and summer, the leaves are shiny dark green above and gray-green below, turning to burgundy in fall and winter.
- **Flowers:** The glossy red fruits are good for eating fresh and freezing.
- **Pruning:** Spreads by underground stems that give rise to new canes. The roots are perennial and will persist for years, but the canes live only two years, the first without fruiting. Prune the plant after harvest to remove the two-year canes and, if necessary, to keep the plant in bounds. Retain the strongest of the first-year canes and shorten them to promote branching. In a tight spot, dig up underground stems that trespass on their neighbors.

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