



## **THE ROSEDALE PLANTSMAN'S GUIDE TO GROWING GRAPES**

**VARIETIES:** Rosedale offers the following Grape varieties:

- 'Canadice' - Red, seedless; early
- 'Catawba' - Dark red
- 'Concord' - Dark blue; for wine, juice, preserves
- 'Himrod' - Best white, light yellow variety; early; seedless;  
excellent table or dessert.
- 'Niagara' - Vigorous white; for wine, juice, or table use

**PLANTING:** For best results, plant grapes in full sun with good air circulation, in average to well-drained soil, at 6-9' intervals. Plant vines at same level as in container or 1-2" deeper in ground. Fertilize with 4-10-6 or 5-10-5 fertilizer, and mulch with regular Pine Bark Mulch.

### **PRUNING AND TRAINING:**

**First season** - Do not prune. Allow plants to grow shoots and become established.

**First early spring after planting** - Begin training on trellis of vertical timber posts (spaced approximately 6-8' apart) with two horizontal wires, or train on arch or pergola. Remove small shoots from trunk (main shoot), leaving the two strongest horizontal branches on each side, for training on wires. Tie side branches to train on wires.

**Each early spring** - Remove any damaged or diseased canes. Prune spurs from horizontal branches back to 2-3 buds. Fertilize with 5-10-5. Keep base of vine free from weeds and grass.

**PESTS:** Ask us for current spray recommendations to control mildew, etc. Cover ripening grapes with garden netting to limit eating by birds and raccoons.

### **MATERIALS HELPFUL FOR PLANTING:**

- 5-10-5 Fertilizer
- Pine Bark Mulch
- Tying Tape
- Posts and Wire for Trellises
- Garden Netting

**HELPFUL EQUIPMENT:**

Garden Spade  
Felco No. 2 Pruners

**SUGGESTED REFERENCES:**

*ALL ABOUT GROWING FRUITS, BERRIES AND NUTS* (Ortho Books)  
*ALL ABOUT PRUNING* (Ortho Books) - pruning and training grapes

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