



## Raspberries

Our raspberry season starts with 6 varieties of red summer raspberries, ripening from the beginning of July and continuing throughout the month ! In order of ripening, these varieties are Prelude, Reveille, Killarney, Lauren, Taylor, & Encore.

In August our fall raspberries begin to ripen. We have 5 varieties of red fall raspberries that give us fruit until a hard freeze, usually in October. These varieties, in order of ripening, are Polana, Autumn Britten, Autumn Bliss, Caroline, & Heritage.

The raspberry "canes" (bushes) are pruned each year to thin out older growth & winter frost-damage, and to encourage new shoots to flourish. Fall raspberries are often mowed down completely and allowed to grow back "from the ground up" so that the entire berry patch will be young & vigorous.

*(above, l. to r.: the raspberry patch on a sunny afternoon, ripe berries close at hand ... and at market !)*