

The Duke Blueberry is a northern highbush variety, growing well in northern regions with cooler climates. It has a early fruit season, that ripens around late May. Known for its high yield of light blue berries, with a firm, crisp texture. The fruit has a tangy, sweet flavor while being high in fiber and vitamin C. With its small oval dark green leaves that turn attractive shades of yellow and orange in the fall, the late spring white, pink tinged blossoms make it a colorful addition to any landscape. Like all blueberry plants, the Duke variety can live a long time, bearing fruit for up to fifty years. This self-pollinating blueberry will do well by itself, but with another cultivar it will produce even larger yields.

- Includes one Duke Blueberry fruiting bush in a #2 pot and detailed planting instructions.
- Moderate growth rate, with beautiful white, pink tinged blossoms in late spring.
- Self-pollinator, but will produce larger yields with cultivator. Best grown in USDA Hardiness Zones 4-7.
- Plant in full sun.
- Prefers loamy, well-drained soil.
- Mature height of 4-6 ft with a mature spread of 4-6 ft.
- #2 size pot is equal to 1.5 gallons/5.68 Liters

Below are general planting instructions.

1. Remove tree and soil mix from plastic container.
2. Dig hole twice the width of pot and as deep.
3. Place roots, surrounded by potting soil from container, in the middle of hole. The top of potting soil should be slightly above ground level, as the plant will later settle. Be careful to not plant too deep as this will suffocate the root system.
4. Ensure the roots are not tightly compressed. Use your fingers or blunt instrument to loosen the potting soil/roots and spread gently to encourage outward growth into the surrounding earth.
5. Use soil that was removed while digging to fill hole back, but remember to only fill to top level of soil mix that is around plant.
6. Water soil, allow it to settle and add more soil if needed. Tamp lightly. (Tamp, for the majority of us who might not know, means to tap the soil with light to medium blows repeatedly.) This will help soil to settle.
7. Water plant again. Adding mulch around plant in a 1-2" layer will help retain moisture. If experiencing hot or dry weather it will be important to water plants more frequently, versus the recommended 1-2 times a week to water thoroughly.

Please review the recommended USDA Zones for your area. It is important to select plants with recommendations for your zone; otherwise, they will not be successful in your landscape due to their inability to grow in those weather conditions.