

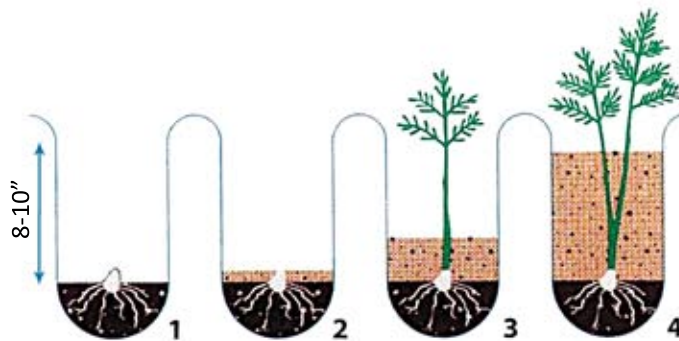
# Asparagus

Asparagus is a hardy, tough, durable perennial vegetable that many enjoy in early spring. While asparagus can be found in roadsides, it can also be grown quite easily in the garden once established.

We offer the variety *Jersey Giant* which is an all-male selection with very high yield of tender spears. All-male varieties do not go to seed so there are no volunteer plants to cause over-crowding (which results in lower yields and smaller spears).

## Asparagus Planting Tips:

- Start by digging a trench 8" to 10" deep, spreading the roots out on the bottom.
- Cover the roots with only 1" to 2" of soil.
- As the ferns grow during the summer, fill in the trench.



- You should not cut off the asparagus the first 2 years and lightly the 3rd year unless the spear size is large. Harvest should end each year by mid-June.
- Asparagus is a heavy feeder and should be fertilized yearly in early spring
  - Fertilize with a high nitrogen fertilizer (such as lawn fertilizer or manure)

