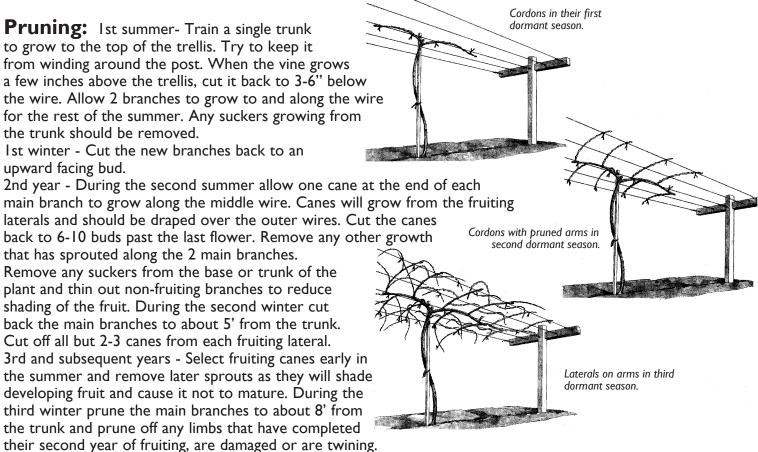
Hardy Kiwi Vines

Fuzzless hardy kiwi is hardy to -25 degrees F and can be successfully grown in Pennsylvania! They are fast-growing, pest free vines that are also excellent for covering fences, trellises, or arbors.

Location: Kiwi likes a well-drained, fertile soil in sun or part shade. They do not like a wet soil.

Spacing & Pollination: Plants should be spaced 10' apart. Male and female flowers are produced on separate plants and both plants are required for pollination. One male can pollinate up to 8 females when planted within 100 feet of one another. Male plants do not produce fruit.

Planting: Mix some peat moss into the soil where you plan to plant your kiwi. Plant the kiwi plants at the same depth they were growing at in the pot. Fertilize with a plant starter fertilizer and water thoroughly. Kiwi vines are rapid growers so a sturdy trellis should be built before they are planted. Set one 8-10 foot, 4-6" diameter post 2-3' deep at each plant. Place a 3' cross arm at the top of the post. Tightly stretch 3 8-12 gauge wires between the cross arms.



Shorten the other so that when heavy with fruit, they will not hang on the ground.

Harvest: You should get fruit 2-3 years after planting. Hardy kiwi are fuzzless and can be eaten whole. To check for ripeness, pick a kiwi and let it soften for a few days and then try it for flavor. Fruit can be picked and refrigerated for up to 5-6 weeks.