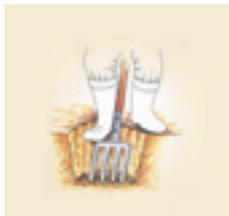


Planting Instructions for Potted Roses



Preparation of the Planting Site

Prepare the bed for planting before you expect to receive your plants. Your rose bed should get a minimum of six hours of sunshine per day and have good drainage. For poor soil, we recommend digging out the existing soil to a depth of sixteen to eighteen inches (40-45cm), and replacing it with good top soil. Avoid adding commercial fertilizer until your plants are well established (6-12 months after planting).



Planting a Rose

Most roses should be planted two to three feet (24cm-32cm) apart. A spacing of five to six feet (1.5m-1.8m) applies to Old Garden and Climbing roses. Place your plants into the hole with bud union, one to two inches (2cm-4cm) below ground level. In colder areas, plant two to three inches (3cm-5cm) below ground level. Without damaging the root ball, place the rose into the planting hole and fill in soil to two-thirds full and pack well. Fill the hole with water and let it drain. Then fill the rest of the hole and pack well.



Watering

Roses need good drainage to grow well, but they also need a lot of water during the growing season; especially until roots reach deep enough to provide sufficient moisture. During dry spells plants should be thoroughly soaked one or two times a week. To hold moisture, during the summer, leave a slight depression around each rose plant.



Summer care

Removing the spent bloom helps the rose to re-bloom faster. Deadhead by cutting off the stem just above the first strong outward pointing true leaf (five leaflets). Stop deadheading a month before first expected frost. That allows the rose to harden off the canes, which signals the plant to prepare for winter dormancy. Stop fertilizing in early August.



Remove any suckers that might grow from below the grafting union by ripping them off in a downward motion. Suckers are easily recognized by their smaller, dull looking leaves. Suckers are usually thornless.

To prevent fungal diseases spray regularly with an approved product.



Winterizing roses and pruning in spring

VERY IMPORTANT: In late fall mound 6"-12" of soil over the crown of the rose bush.

In spring when the Forsythias bloom un-mound and prune your roses. Hybrid Tea and Grandiflora Roses are pruned back to 3-5 canes with 3-5 buds on each cane. Floribunda roses are pruned back to 5-7 canes with 5-7 buds on each cane. With climbing roses just prune back the dead and weak wood. Spring is the best time to fertilize your roses.

Contact your local Rose Society or Horticultural Society to further assist you in making your rose growing a success.

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