

Planting and Caring For Roses

A Step-by-step Guide

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Caring for Roses

No plant is as rewarding as a healthy rose bush. Richly colored, deeply fragrant flowers adorn the deep green foliage from spring, through summer and into fall. Caring for your roses can be made easy with these simple steps:

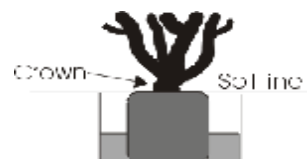
1. Planting roses:

Roses thrive in full sun or light shade with well drained, fertile garden soil. Dig a hole the depth of the root ball and twice as wide. If you are planting a bare root rose, dig the hole large enough to accommodate the entire root system without crowding it.



Bury the roots with a 50/50 mixture of **Gardner and Bloome Soil Building Compost** or **Harvest Supreme** and your native soil covering the entire root

ball so that the crown is seated at the soil level. Bare root roses should have their roots spread out over a mound in the center of the hole before burying.



Water thoroughly with **Fertilome Root Stimulator** and repeat weekly 3-4 more times. This will reduce transplant shock and help your rose develop a strong, healthy root system.

2. Fertilizing your roses:

Roses are fast growing and so require regular feeding. For newly planted roses, begin fertilizing as soon as you have finished using the root stimulator. For established roses, begin fertilizing when the new growth



first appears in spring (usually late February to early March).

The following products are our recommendations for fertilizing and how to use them:

Fertilome Rose Food:

This product is a high quality fertilizer with everything your rose bush needs to keep it healthy and vigorous. A healthy rose is more resistant to insect and disease problems than an unhealthy one.



E.B.Stone Rose and Flower Food:

A selected blend of natural ingredients, This fertilizer is an excellent choice for those who like to use natural and organic products. It also contains humic acids, mycorrhizae, and beneficial micro-organisms.



3. Pruning roses:

The type of pruning that is required for your roses depends on the type of rose you have:

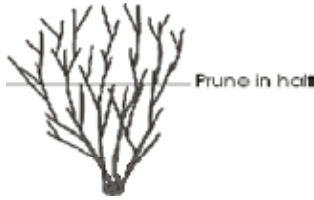
Miniature Roses: Miniature roses only require a light shearing occasionally to remove the spent flowers. Shear back about halfway in the late fall.

Climbing Roses: Prune climbers by thinning out unruly canes and heading back the ones that get too long. You can trim the dead flowers off if you want but it is not a requirement.

Species and Bramble Types: These roses generally are grown for their natural look. They don't require pruning but they can be pruned if they get too big.

Shrub Roses: Shrub roses require the most care in pruning. When pruned correctly, they will bloom longer and better.

Begin in fall (around Thanksgiving) by pruning the canes halfway down. This cleans them up and prepares them for their fall sprayings.



12-18"

In spring (around Valentines day) thin the canes to 4-5 evenly spaced canes about $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1" diameter and trim those back to 12-18" tall. Prune directly above a bud that faces away from the center of the plant.

Spray **Fertilome Pruning Sealer** on the cuts to minimize damage from insects such as Cane Borers.

Throughout the summer, prune the dead flower stalks to stimulate more blooms.



For long stemmed roses, prune just above the second set of five leaflets counting down from the dead flower (see picture).

4. Pest and Disease Control:

To ensure healthy roses throughout the season, be sure not to miss the dormant sprayings. This is the best time to control over-wintering insects and diseases before they destroy your fresh new spring growth. **Hi-Yield Lime Sulfur** spray in combination with **Hi-Yield Dormant Spray** should take care of any of these problems.



Apply after pruning in fall and again before pruning in February. Be sure to read the labels before applying.

Fertilome Triple Action Plus is a safe and natural way of killing insects and controlling diseases.



For systemic control of diseases use the **Fertilome Liquid Systemic Fungicide**. This is great against powdery mildew and black spot.

If you are unsure of what is causing problems with your roses, bring a sample of the insect or damaged plant in a SEALED plastic bag for us to inspect. A **Four Seasons Nursery Professional** will be able to recommend a product that will solve your problem.

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