

How To Grow Roses

Choose area carefully where you will be planting your roses. Remember roses need plenty of **sunshine** at least two-thirds of the day.

Dig hole at least 8" wider than the container they are growing in when you purchase them. Mix one part **Garden Magic Peat** with two parts of existing soil. Put some of the mixture in the bottom of the hole so that when rose plant is placed in hole the "bud union" is about 1 ½" above soil line.

Carefully remove plant from container without disturbing roots. Place plant in hole at this level and fill remainder of hole with soil mixture.

Water plant thoroughly with **Ferti-lome Root Stimulator** at rate of 3 ½ tbs. per gallon of water. After watering, place one capful of **Ferti-lome Rose Food** around each bush on top of soil. Mulch around bush with pine straw.

Continue to keep plants watered without wetting foliage if possible. Water plants two more times with **Root Stimulator** mixture 10 days apart. Keep plants fertilized monthly with **Ferti-lome Rose Food**.

One of the most important parts of growing beautiful roses is the care given to control fungus disease called **Black Spot** and **Powdery Mildew**.

Spray your roses every **seven to ten** days with **Ferti-lome Systemic Fungicide**. Use at rate of 2 tbs. per gallon of water.

Black Spot causes the leaves at the bottom of the plant to turn yellow and then fall off. The plant will not produce many blooms. Spray roses when leaves first develop in spring and continue spraying every 7-10 days until first frost. Spray both the top and underside of the leaves, wetting thoroughly.

Prune roses about 6" to 8" below the bloom after petals are ready to fall off. This helps develop new growth coming from the base of the plant, which in turn produces more quality blooms. Roses will bloom from spring until frost.

Established roses should be pruned back each year at the end of winter, about mid February. Prune bush to about ten inches above the bud union. **Do not** prune climbing roses except to take out dead wood or broken cones.

Follow these instructions carefully and enjoy your roses for years to come.



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