

Planting Roses Successfully

A Garden Guide

95% of your success with roses is determined at planting time!

RECIPE FOR SUCCESS WITH ROSES

- Site - Sunny! Minimum of 6 hours of direct sunlight.
- Good soil drainage is a must (see soil mix below).
- Prepare the planting hole properly (see below).
- Watering - roses need 1" of water per week.
- Fertilize when you can see the first bud color. Fertilizing will ensure ample blooms.
- Fertilize on a regular basis according to instructions on your fertilizer.



PLANTING HOLE

Dig a hole 3x the width and 1x the depth of the container. Plant your container rose even with, or slightly higher than, surrounding soil.

SOIL MIX - Mix together well

Recipe 1:

- ½ Native Soil (no matter how bad it is)
- ½ Soil Conditioner
- Espoma Rose-tone® - Individual Plants: Apply 1-1/4 cup around each plant and scratch into the top inch of soil. Rose Beds: Spread 6 lbs. per 100 square feet of bed area and scratch into the top inch of soil.



Recipe 2:

- ⅓ Native Soil (no matter how bad it is)
- ⅓ Soil Conditioner
- ⅓ Composted Cow Manure
- 1 Cup Lime (important, they love the Calcium)
- 1 Cup Rock Phosphate or Bone Meal (optional)

PRUNING - Deadheading and light pruning can be done year round. Cut spent blooms. In early spring, remove any dead/brown canes, and prune ⅓ of the previous year's growth until you find healthy, white centers inside the cane. Version 2.2 Feb 22

