

# Planting Roses Successfully

## A Garden Guide

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

When you love your roses, they will love you back. They love to be pampered! If you take care of them, they will reward you with spectacular floral displays.



## 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 RECIPE- Mix together well

- ½ Native Soil (no matter how bad it is)
- ½ Daddy Pete's Lawn & Garden
- 1 Cup Lime (important, they love the Calcium)
- 1 Cup Rock Phosphate or Bone Meal (optional)

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.



**PRUNING** - Deadheading and light pruning can be done year round. Cut spent blooms. In early spring, remove any dead/brown canes, and prune 1/3 of the previous year's growth until you find healthy, white centers inside the cane. Version 2.3 April 25

