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## ROSES

### PLANTING

Soil preparation is important and the following is the minimum requirement. Dig into the planting area about 5cm (2in) of organic material such as well-rotted manure, garden compost or mushroom compost. DO NOT place fresh manure near the roots at any time as this will scorch them. It is best to apply a proprietary soil disinfectant and wait 6-12 months before replanting.

#### BARE-ROOT ROSES

Dig a hole large enough to take all the roots – about 35 x 35 x 35cm (14 x 14 x 14in). Fork over the base to loosen the soil. After placing the roots in the hole, replace half the soil and tread firmly in, adding a little water if dry. Ensure that there are no air pockets around the roots. Replace the remaining soil, tread firmly and water in. The union of the branches and the roots should be just above soil level when planted – 2.5-5cm (1-2in).

#### ROSES IN CONTAINERS

Dig a hole large enough to take the container. Remove rose from container taking care not to disturb the roots. Place root ball in the hole and replace soil. Tread in firmly and water in as above. Do not work the soil if it is too wet – if it sticks to your spade or shoes it is too wet. If the weather is frosty at night there is little need for concern.

### PRUNING

#### HYBRID TEA, FLORIBUNDA, PATIO/MINIATURE ROSES

Remove the dead wood. This will prevent certain pests and diseases. Remove any weak growth as these would result in poor flowers. Cut the remaining growth back to within 10cm (4") of the previous season's growth for Hybrid Tea, Floribunda, Patio or Miniature Roses. Remember to remove any suckers; these are shoots growing from below the union on the root system.

#### CLIMBING AND RAMBLING ROSES

Train the main branches into a framework securing them to your chosen supports. Prune the end of each main branch to stimulate growth of the side shoots which will bear flowers.

#### SHRUB AND ENGLISH ROSES

Trim back unwanted growth as and when necessary. (This includes any dead or weak growths.)

#### GROUND COVER ROSES

These need little or no pruning except for removing any dead wood or weak stems. Long untidy growths may be trimmed back.

#### TIMING

Roses can be lightly trimmed in November and December provided the weather is mild; this will help to prevent larger specimens from moving in any strong winds, but the main pruning should be carried out early in the year. All pruning should be completed by March 21st.

#### WINTER CARE

It is wise to firm the plants using your heel to help prevent water-logging around the roots. During December remove debris and dead leaves and mulch with manure or leaf mould. Plants may be trimmed back lightly to tidy them up. This will help to prevent rocking during high winds.

### CARE CALENDER

January & February: Leave plants alone.

March: Prune by the 21<sup>st</sup>.

April: Leave alone.

May: Apply rose fertiliser.

June: Apply fungicide to prevent black spot or rust.

July: Dead head first flowers.

August: Continue spraying against fungal diseases.

September: Stop spraying.

October & November: Commence planting new roses, trim/ prune back existing stock.

December: Mulch with manure.

#### YOU WILL NEED:

Fork, Spade, Hoe, Secateurs, Gloves. Bone-meal, Rose compost, Rose fertiliser, Ties & supports, Fungicide & insecticide sprays (ready to use are ideal).