

# Rose Brochure -How to Plant potted ROSES!

1. Pick a sunny location - 6-8 hours, of morning sun or all day and away from trees & shrubs.

2. Clear entire area of grass, weeds and any roots from other plants.

3. Plant a rose garden or bed for easy maintenance.

Each rose should be placed so that it can be easily reached.

**SPACING ROSES** when planting:

Hybrid Tea & Grandifloras 3-5 ft. apart.

Floribunda & Shrubs 2-3 ft. apart.

Climbers - needs a trellis or fence 4-6 ft. apart.

4. Prepare each hole individually, 18" wide x 10" deep  
(same depth of the container)

5. Choose one of the following blends to mix with existing soil:

#### CHEMICAL WAY TO PLANT

1/2 bag Organic Peat or Planting Soil

1/4 cup (2 oz.) Osmocote 17-6-12 Fert.

1 cup (1/2 #) Limestone/Dolomite

(Not Hydrated Lime, it will burn)

#### \*\*\*ORGANIC WAY TO PLANT\*\*\*

1/2 bag Organic Peat or Planting Soil

2 cups (1#) Rose-tone or Garden-tone Fert.

1 cup (1/2#) Limestone/Dolomite

(Not Hydrated Lime, will burn.)

#### ORGANIC WAY TO PLANT

1/2 bag Organic Peat or Planting Soil

5# Black Kow Cow Manure

or 1 cup (1/2#) Milorganite

1 cup (1/2#) Bone Meal

1 cup (1/2#) Limestone/Dolomite

\*On soils in reclaimed phosphate land areas - ask for special recommendations.

\*\*\*Peterson's Preference.

6. After mixing thoroughly in a wheelbarrow or bucket

7. WATER the rose in the pot BEFORE removing.

8. Remove rose from pot **VERY CAREFULLY. CUT POT TO REMOVE. DO NOT DISTURB THE ROOT SYSTEM.**

9. Plant rose at same level as growing in the container. Add more blended soil if need to raise the rose but keep it level with the existing soil.

10. Add remaining soil mixture around the edges and WATER while filling the hole. Firmly form prepared soil around contents of the root system of the rose. Do Not pack around trunk area. This will cause small roots to be broken from main roots system.

11. Stake rose plant if necessary to keep wind from disturbing plant until it is established. This is especially important with roses grafted on Fortuniana Root Stock.

12. Add mulch 1" thick only    **DON'T COVER CROWN AREA !**

Keep mulch away from crown 3 inches. Cypress Mulch,

Pine Bark etc. is satisfactory if only 1" thick. For better weed control, there are several pre-emergent herbicides that are safe to use around roses. Such as: Preen, Treflan and Surflan.

Make sure it is labeled for Roses and apply only the correct amount per square feed or it could cause damage to your roses.

13. Water daily for the first 3-4 weeks by soaking the entire bed or until plant is established. This could take longer if during the drought period. Then a deep soaking 2 or 3 times a week the rest of the year. Methods of application of water varies from soaker hose, trickle systems or overhead type sprinklers. To help prevent disease, over head sprinkling should be avoided.

14. Fertilize entire bed area **AFTER 3 WEEKS** from planting with a fertilizer for Roses. ALWAYS keep fertilizer away from the trunk of the rose bush. Then apply fertilizer monthly. You may consider a fertilizer with insecticide to help prevent insects. Last feeding should be done in November, so the roses will begin to go dormant for winter pruning.

15. Spray weekly to prevent pests or fungus problems from occurring.

{See paragraphs on Disease & Control Recommendation and Insects & their Control.} Follow the yearly maintenance schedule for beautiful roses bushes.

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