

Planting Instructions

Suggested Soil Mix

1/3 Potting Soil

1/3 Garden Soil

1/3 Poultry Compost

2 Tbl. Mycorrhizae

Combine all listed ingredients and use to backfill a 2'x2' hole at time of planting the rose.

Suggested Fertilizers

- Alfalfa Meal—surface only
- Blood Meal—nitrogen
- Bone Meal—phosphorus
- Compost—microorganisms
- Cottonseed Meal—nitrogen
- Earthworms and earthworm castings
- Fish Emulsion
- Fish Meal— Happy Frog's "Marine Cuisine"
- "Soil Pep" - soil conditioner
- Composted Manures



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Rose Care



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Rose Care for Our Region

Growing roses in the Pikes Peak region can be very rewarding. Beautiful, and often fragrant flowers on healthy canes are goals for which every rose gardener strives. The following information can help you achieve that goal.



Important things to consider when choosing a rose:

- **hardiness**
- **bloom color, shape, and size**
- **fragrance**
- **mature size of the plant**
- **disease and insect resistance**
- **correct zone (zone 3-5) for our area**



Rose Growing Tips from the Pikes Peak Rose Society

- * Roses enjoy soil rich in organic matter
- * If the rose is not noted as “own root,” plant it with the bud union 3” – 5” below ground level. Note: Previously, we recommended a 4-6” depth. But, have adjusted this based on the climate change we have experience in the last 10 to 15 years.
- * Roses require well-drained soil. Rose roots will rot in standing water.
- * Roses prefer a minimum of 6 hours or more of sun per day. Although the plant may thrive, there will be fewer and smaller blooms with less sun.
- * Remove pots, including cardboard types when planting and minimize root disruption when planting.
- * Miniature roses grow quite well in the Pikes Peak Region and are perfect for the beginning rose gardener.
- * Roses like to be watered early in the morning because as the sun rises in the sky, the water is drawn up the stems and into the buds.
- * Water roses deeply at least twice per week, and more often if soil dries out quickly (especially in hot windy weather)
- * Begin feeding roses by mid-May and continue at least monthly until mid-August.
- * If bark-containing products are used as mulch around roses, provide roses with supplemental nitrogen since bark depletes nitrogen content of soils.

Pikes Peak Rose Society
www.pikespeakrosesociety.org

Special Considerations for Winter

As autumn approaches, protect your roses from the harsh elements of winter.

- Reduce water volume to 1-2 times monthly in early to mid-September, as roses need to prepare for winter
- Water roses twice a month during the winter
- Good cultural practices prevent many insect and disease problems
- It is not recommended to prune roses back until late April or early May
- To discourage tender new growth, do not fertilize after mid-August
- Avoid transplanting until dormant
- Grafted roses should be mulched after the first frost—combine soil and mulch and mound 6” – 8” around roses for insulation purposes—remove mulch material around mid-May
- Use rose collars for ultimate protection

FYI: The Denver Botanic Gardens has an excellent display of roses while the Monument Valley Demonstration Garden also has a nice selection.

