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Growing beautiful roses begins right from the beginning at planting time. Whether you grow them in the ground or in containers the first thing you need is the right location. Choose a site that gets full sun or at the least 6 hours of direct light.

Now you have to choose they type of rose. They need room based on how large they get. From smallest to largest you have: miniature, bush, hybrid tea, floribunda, grandiflora and climbers. Plus, there are specialty plants called tree roses. Either way, give them the room they need to grow. Right now we plant bare root roses. They've been plucked out of the ground and roots wrapped in sawdust and a plastic bag. They are cheaper to buy in the bare root form. If you wait until early spring the nursery will pot them up in containers and they'll be more expensive.

When you get the plant home, fill up a bucket of water and let the roots of the rose sit in it to absorb the moisture. In fact, add a few drops of SUPERthrive. With those 50 vita-mins/hormones you are sure to lessen the chance of transplant shock.

Dig the hole wider than the roots and about 18" deep. Mix compost with the soil then build an upside down cone in the hole. Fan the rose plant roots over the cone. Before backfill-ing, make certain the bud union is 1" about grade. If it's lower, make the cone taller until you have it right. Now, backfill whilst pressing the soil firmly in the hole. Build a 3" basin around the rose to hold water. Your first watering should be with from the bucket with SUPERthrive in it. After that, stand back and watch it grow!



Want to learn how to care for your roses? I'm having a seminar on January 24 & 28. Call Pam at (800)9NewYard(963-9927) for tuition, locations, time and dates.

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Types of Roses

Floribunda

Floribunda roses are shrub-like and produce flower clusters of three to ten sprays of flowers on a stem.

Hybrid Tea

One of the most popular rose types, hybrid teas are upright bushes that generally produce one flower per stem. Plants will reach a size of up to 5'

Grandiflora

A grandiflora is a cross between a floribunda and a hybrid tea. This rose grows up to six feet tall plus and produces classic hybrid tea flower clusters.

Climbing

Climbing roses usually grow on a trellis or a fence. These roses have long, arching canes with numerous flowers that can cover walls, pillars or any other type of supporting structure.

Miniature

Miniature roses are the smallest of rose plants, growing anywhere from six inches to two feet tall. This rose type is hardy, flowers continuously and is perfect for container rose gardening.

Tree Roses

Tree roses are made up of a hardy root stock grafted to a long stem that is, in turn, grafted to a rose bush at the top of the stem.

Roses can cost anywhere from a few dollars to upwards of \$100 and more.

My favorite roses are: Mr. Lincoln, Double Delight and George Burns.

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