



Project List:

Roses

- Ready Rose Mix**—Use 2 bags per plant when starting in unamended soil.
- Good Natured Organic Root Stimulator**— Healthy roots are the key to rose success! Water all new plantings thoroughly with the solution and reapply at least once per month for the first 6 months to one year.
- Vital Earth Hardwood Mulch**—Retains soil moisture, breaks down slowly to provide additional organic matter, suppresses weeds and gives a finished look. We recommend maintaining a layer at least 2-3” thick at all times. Keep mulch at least 2” away from the crown or trunk of the plant.
- Espoma Rose-Tone Fertilizer**—Apply in early spring, summer and fall at minimum after focusing on the root system for the first six months to a year. An all-organic food made specifically for the needs of roses.
- Liquid Seaweed**—An organic extract that strengthens plants for better resistance to temperature fluctuations and disease, which also prevents and deters spider mites. Use as a foliar spray or drench.

Some additional points to remember for success:

- For plastic containers, thoroughly soak new transplants in **Root Stimulator**. Remove from the container, and plant. Plants in paper fiber pots should be soaked, then have 2-3” long incisions made on 2-3 sides, with the bottom left intact. Plant to leave the rose sitting at its original soil level or slightly higher, and lastly remove the top rim of the pot.
- Always water deeply and thoroughly. Healthy plants are the best defense against pests and disease.
- Be careful to keep rose foliage as dry as possible to minimize fungal problems, removing any diseased foliage promptly. If you do encounter fungal issues, use a fungicide according to package instructions.
- Pest problems can be treated as needed. See us for a diagnosis, and begin with the least toxic product.
- Love your roses on Valentine’s Day with a hard pruning to prepare for spring blossoms, and for repeat bloomers, again in mid-August. These are good times to fertilize and check overall health, as well.

See a Garden Advisor for additional help in growing successful roses.

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