

# Rose Planting



## Project List

- Ready Rose Mix**—Use 2 bags per plant when starting in unamended soil.
- Good Natured Organic Root Stimulator**—A healthy root system is the key to your new rose’s 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” thick at all times. Keep mulch at least 2” away from the crown or trunk of the plant.
- NHG Organic Rose Food or Espoma Rose-Tone**—Apply in early spring, summer and fall at minimum after focusing on the root system for the first six months to a year.
- Maxicrop 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.
- As always, consult our **Garden Advisors** with specific questions.

Some additional points to remember for success:

- Thoroughly soak new transplants in Root Stimulator. Remove from the container, and plant. Plants in paper fiber pots should have 2” incisions made on 2-3 sides, and planted with the bottom intact. Lastly remove the top rim of the pot to leave the plant sitting at its original soil level or slightly higher.
- Always water deeply and thoroughly. Healthy plants are the best defense against pests and disease.
- Pest problems can be treated as needed. Begin with the least toxic product.
- Be careful to keep rose foliage as dry as possible to minimize fungal problems, and remove diseased foliage promptly. If you do encounter fungal issues, a fungicide can be applied according to package instructions.
- Love your roses on Valentines Day with a hard pruning and again in mid August to promote fall bloom.