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Care & Advice

Roses

Roses are one of the nations favourite flowers. Nothing can beat the amazing array of colours and scents of these lovely flowers. With the right conditions and treatment, they will reward you for many years.



To flower well roses need plenty of sun although they will still flower if they are in partial shade for part of the day.



Planting

Dig a hole at least twice as big as the container. Add lots of compost and incorporate into the soil. Carefully knock the rose out of its container, place in the planting hole and add mycorrhizal fungi (Rootgrow) by sprinkling it on the roots. This will help the rose to establish as it increases the root area that supplies the plant with water and nutrients. Backfill with a mixture of soil and compost taking care to keep the soil at the same level as it was in the container. Firm in well.

Feeding

Apply a small handful of rose fertiliser in March and again in June or July, hoe in lightly. Top up with a liquid feed from April through out the summer.

Pruning

Always use a clean and sharp pair of secateurs to prevent introducing disease and to stop crush damage to the stems. Cut just above an outward facing bud. For tall plants light prune (up to a third) in late autumn to reduce damage over the winter. The main pruning time is spring (mid/late March), if you do it too early new growth can be damaged by late frosts weakening the plant.

This guide has been put together to give a brief outline of the care needed . If you require any further information, please ask our plant advisors who will be very happy to help.

