

ROSES

Planting of Roses

- Choosing a sunny site – at least 6 hours of sun a day – all day even better!
- Good spacing for air circulation – watch your plant sizes and space accordingly.
- Drainage – proper drainage a must - even berm up a bit.
- Amending the soil – **Compost, Alfalfa Meal, Epsom Salts (Magnesium Sulfate), Fertilizer, Sul-Po-Mag?**
- Roses in pots – use the **Rose Planting Mix** from EB Stone – all the goodies you need in one bag! This hybrid product is organic and can also be used as amendment for in ground planting in lieu of compost.

Caring of Roses

- Keeping up on fertilizing – especially early in the season! Use **organic EB Stone Rose and Flower Food** every 6 weeks or so through August.
- Pruning roses now – remember hip high in fall then knee high in spring.
- Pruning for maintenance later – remember to dead head if needed.
- Watch for blind shoots in spring – pinch out to get blooms.
- Monitor your roses regularly for diseases and insect damage – staying ahead is key!
- Early season dormant spraying – had issues last year? Make sure they start the season with no old foliage, consider **Rose Systemic Drench from Bonide**.
- Insect and disease prevention and maintenance for now and later – **Rose Rx (Neem Oil)** from Bonide for natural solution every two weeks, **Rose Shield** (from Bonide) for chemical protection once a month.

Selecting Roses

- The breeders keep breeding and the roses keep coming.
- Choose your rose wisely – color/fragrance/maintenance?
- Hybrid Teas vs. Grandiflora vs. Floribunda vs. Climber.
- Rugosa roses and hybrids – minimal issues, fragrance and rose hips!
- David Austin English Roses – fragrance, fragrance, fragrance! A nice selection of climbers/ramblers and shrubs available at Sunnyside in 2024.
- New for 2024 at Sunnyside – introductions for this year include **Bring Me Sunshine (DA), Cosmic Clouds (SH), Drift Buttercream (GC), Eustacia Vye (DA), Kew Gardens (DA), Knockout Easy Bee-zy, Knockout Orange Glow, Make Me Blush (HT), Miss Manners (GR), Nye Bevan (DA), Pink Freedom (SH), Port Sunlight (DA), Powerpuff (FL), Quest For Zest (GR), The Lady of the Lake (DA), The Wedgewood Rose (DA), Thomas Beckett (DA)**.
- New series of old fashioned roses available in 2024 – **The Eau de Parfum Series** available from Monrovia closer to this coming summer
- Check out the shrub rose – indestructible and low maintenance.
- Rose Trees and Patio (Miniature) Roses.

“Give The Rose Another Chance.”