

# For The Love Of Roses

## Planting of Roses

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

## Caring of Roses

- Keep up on fertilizing, especially early in the season! Use **organic E.B. Stone Rose and Flower Food** every 6 weeks or so through August.
- Prune roses now – remember hip high in the fall and knee high in the spring
- Pruning for maintenance later – remember to deadhead if needed
- Watch for blind shoots in the spring – pinch out to get blooms
- Monitor your roses regularly for diseases and insect damage – stay ahead!
- 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 available at Sunnyside in 2023
- New for 2023 at Sunnyside – introductions for this year include **Heavenly Scented (HT)**, **Morning Glow (FL)**, **Picture Perfect (HT)**, **Raspberry Cupcake (HT)**, **Sultry Night (SH)**, **Top Cream (HT)**, and **Uptown Girl (GR)**
- New series of hardy Rugosa hybrids from Monrovia for 2023, the **Seaside Swirl Series**
- New series of old fashioned roses available in 2023 – **The Eau de Parfum Series** available from Monrovia
- Check out the shrub rose – indestructible and low maintenance
- Rose Trees and Patio (Miniature) Roses

**“Give The Rose Another Chance.”**