

BASIC CARE GUIDE

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- WATER:** **VERY IMPORTANT!** If you need to keep your rose in the pot for a few days, make sure you water 2x per day. After planting, you will need to water everyday for the first 30 days so the bush can establish itself. After the 30 days, you can water every other day or with your garden schedule.
- SPACING:** You will need to space the bushes about 3 ft from center to center for proper growth and air circulation.
- PLANTING:** Dig a hole 18" x 18". Mix 1/2 of original soil with a light potting soil. (1 cup of dolomite or dehydrated black cow manure can be added as well.) Plant your bush at the same level they were at in the original pot – no soil mounding and don't cover graft! **DO NOT** keep your roses in the pot they come in, get them in the ground or a larger pot!
- PRUNING:** Prune blooms regularly (bring them in the house, share them with friends, or just dead head but this will ensure the bush will bloom again sooner!) You will need to do a "hard prune" in mid-February. This hard prune is only for bushes 1 year or older. Please check our website/facebook for information on hard pruning.
- FERTILIZING:** **Scotts Slow Release Osmocote** (this is the only fertilizer we recommend)

PEST/DISEASE CONTROL GUIDE

<u>PROBLEM</u>	<u>TREATMENT</u>
<u>BLACKSPOT:</u> Black spots on yellow leaves. Leaves may drop.	➤ Banner Max, Dithane, Daconil, Captan 50, Heritage
<u>DOWNY MILDEW:</u> Angular black lesion	➤ Heritage, Subdue max
<u>POWDERY MILDEW:</u> Leaves and stem have white powdery growth	➤ Daconil, Funginex, Heritage
<u>MITES:</u> Very small insect found on the underside of leaves	➤ Avid, Promite, Floramite, Nexter
<u>THRIPS (BLOOMS):</u> Long yellow insects found in flower buds. Outside edges of blooms with turn brown.	➤ Orthene, Orthenex
<u>CHILI THRIPS:</u> Microscopic foliar thrip. Leaves will turn brown and shrivel up. No new growth/no new blooms	➤ Conserve SC
<u>APHIDS:</u> Soft bodied/pear shaped insect. Can be green, yellow, or black.	➤ Orthene, Vendex, Pesticide Oil