

NELSON'S FLORIDA ROSES CARE GUIDE

****PLEASE EMAIL – NELSONROSES@GMAIL.COM WITH CARE CONCERNS WITHIN 14 DAYS OF NOTICING AN ISSUE, PICTURES & INFO ARE HELPFUL (WHAT DID YOU SPRAY, HOW DO YOU WATER, HOW LONG HAVE THE ROSES BEEN IN THE GROUND, ETC)****

WATER:

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 every day for the first 30 days so the bush can establish itself. After the 30 days, watering schedule will depend on your soil conditions - roses like water but hate to stay wet! Do not water overhead before 6 am or after 6 pm as the roses will stay too wet and develop fungus.

SPACING:

You will need to space the bushes about 3 ft from center to center for proper growth and air circulation, larger/bushier varieties could use 4 ft+

PLANTING:

Dig a hole 18" x 18" and mix in a light potting soil -- **do not disturb the roots**. 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 (7 gal or larger with ample drainage).

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 that we recommend, you can use another brand but make sure it is a slow release; anything else will burn your roses and could kill them if the roses are young.)

NO ROUND UP EVER!

NOT NEAR OR ON THE ROSES – IT WILL KILL THEM WITHIN A MATTER OF DAYS

Please inspect the roses prior to leaving our nursery. Once the roses have been out of our nursery, we cannot take them back. We can't risk bringing any possible pests, pathogens, etc into our environment.

ALL SALES ARE FINAL!

Please only plant our roses in the way suggested on our care sheets! We offer care advice via email once the bushes are in the ground. If you notice an issue with your roses that you're unable to treat or diagnose, please email us within 14 days of the first sign of trouble. We will work with you, offer care suggestions and help you get your roses looking good again! If you wait too long to contact us, it's harder for us to help bring the roses back to 100%. Anyone can be successful with roses in Florida on Fortuniana rootstock but it does take proper care! We have been grafting and growing roses in Florida since the '60s... so we know a thing or two about rose gardening!

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When picking out roses, if the roses are too small, we will suggest another variety. We try our very best not to sell young roses to new growers. They take more specialized care and are temperamental. We want you to be successful!

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PEST CONTROL/DISEASE TREATMENT GUIDE

THESE ARE PRODUCTS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO US, IF YOU CANNOT FIND THIS EXACT ITEM PLEASE CHECK THE ACTIVE INGREDIENTS. GERNERICS WILL DO THE JOB IN MOST CASES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CONSERVE SC (AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE)

PROBLEM

TREATMENT

BLACKSPOT: Black spots on yellow leaves. Leaves may drop.

➤ Banner Max, Dithane, Daconil, Captan 50, Heritage

DOWNY MILDEW: Angular black lesion

➤ Heritage, Subdue max

POWDERY MILDEW: Leaves and stem have white powdery growth

➤ Daconil, Funginex, Heritage

MITES: Very small insect found on the underside of leaves

➤ Avid, Promite, Floramite, Nexter

THRIPS (BLOOMS): Long yellow insects found in flower buds. Outside edges of blooms with turn brown.

➤ Orthene, Orthenex

CHILI THRIPS: Microscopic foliar thrip. Leaves will turn brown and shrivel up. No new growth/no new blooms

➤ Conserve SC

APHIDS: Soft bodied/pear shaped insect. Can be green, yellow, or black.

➤ Orthene, Vendex, Pesticide Oil

DO NOT USE HORTICULTURE OILS/SOAPS WHEN THE TEMP IS OVER 70* DURING THE DAY!
3-in-1 products are not as useful as they sound, we do not recommend these products.