

QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE	Full to part sun.
USDA HARDINESS ZONES	Winter hardy in-ground in zones 7 to 10. Winter hardy when planted in a container and provided winter protection in zones 4 to 6.
PLANT TYPE	Perennial.
PLANTING DISTANCE IN-GROUND	At least 3 feet apart.
CONTAINER SIZE	One plant per 24-inch or larger container.
MATURE HEIGHT / SPREAD	3 to 4 feet tall with a 2 to 3 foot head span.
BLOOM TIME	Early summer to frost.
TIME TO REACH MATURITY	24 months.
FACTS OF NOTE	Rabbit resistant. Heat tolerant. Great for containers or as a focal point in the landscape.

SOIL PREPARATION

We recommend having your soil tested periodically by your local County Extension Office (www.nifa.usda.gov/extension or by calling 1-800-333-4636). A soil test can determine if your soil needs any amendments to enhance the growth and performance of your plants.

Ideal garden soil is easy to dig in and drains well while still holding the nutrients and water vital to plant growth. To prepare a bed for in-ground planting, spade or till the soil to a depth of roughly 12-18 inches. Next, spread a 2-4 inch layer of organic matter such as compost, shredded leaves or peat moss over the soil and mix well.



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**In case of ingestion contact a poison control center immediately.
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OUT OF THE BOX

TREE ROSES

SKU #M57255 / M57256 / M61344 / M61564 / M61879

Your plant has been shipped to you in bare root form. Please remove the plant from the packaging right away and plant it as soon as possible following the planting instructions below. If it is not possible to plant it right away, follow these important steps:

1. Place the plant in a cool, dark place such as a refrigerator, unheated garage or basement.
2. Keep the roots moist by using a spray bottle to mist them.

Note: The roots of your bare root plant are coated with Terra-Sorb® Hydrogel to protect them from drying out during handling and transport. It is suitable for planting and should be left on the roots. Simply plant according to the instructions included in this guide.



SHIPPED AS A BARE ROOT TREE

PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS

You have received a #1 grade bare root rose that will quickly establish itself in your garden after transplanting. You may notice that we have given your plant a head start by pruning each of the canes. In just a few weeks, new growth will appear.

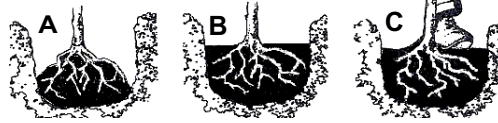
Important: In zones 4-6, we strongly suggest you plant your tree rose in a container in order to properly protect it from winter damage. See *Winterizing Instructions*.

A Whether you are planting in the ground or in a pot, prepare a hole large enough to give the roots plenty of room with a few inches of space beyond the roots and the sides of the hole. Build a mound of soil in the bottom of the hole on which to place the roots. Position the plant so that the area where the trunk meets the roots will be at ground level.

B Once the plant is positioned at the proper planting depth, begin filling the hole with soil. Work the soil around the roots with your hands, tamping the soil to remove any air pockets.

PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS (Continued)

C Fill the planting hole with water and let it soak in. Straighten the plant as needed, then finish filling the hole with soil.



D Form a "saucer" of soil around the edges of the planting hole and fill it with water.

E Stake the tree to allow strong roots to develop and to help keep it upright, particularly in windy conditions.



CONTINUING CARE

WATERING Adequate and consistent watering is essential during your plant's first year in the garden. Infrequent, long soakings of water that thoroughly saturate the soil are more effective than frequent, light applications of water.

Due to variable geographical and environmental conditions, a specific watering schedule is difficult to define. However, as a rule of thumb, you should not allow the soil to completely dry out. During the first summer, you may need to water as often as every few days in periods of drought and extreme summer heat. To determine if your plant needs water, dig a few inches into the soil next to the plant. If the soil is dry 2-3 inches below the surface, it is time to water.

Overwatering can be as damaging as under watering. Be sure that the area surrounding your plant has adequate drainage to move water away from the plant. If you choose to plant in a container, always select one with drainage holes to prevent your plant's roots from sitting in water.

PRUNING Pruning improves the quantity and quality of the blooms. Remove spent blossoms to promote continuous flowering by pinching or cutting off the blossoms as they fade.

In early spring, prune to remove any weak, dead or damaged wood, and cut each cane to 6-12 inches to improve the shape of the plant. Keep the center of the tree rose open to allow for air circulation by thinning inner branches or canes that have become overlapped. Thin, weak canes can be removed at any time.

CONTINUING CARE (Continued)

MULCHING Apply a 2-4 inch layer of shredded bark, compost, leaves, straw or other organic matter around your plants to promote moisture retention, maintain even soil temperatures and discourage weed growth. Replenish the mulch as needed.

WEEDING Keep the area around your plants free of weeds. Weeds compete with surrounding plants for food, water and light. Walk around the garden periodically and pull weeds, including the roots, as soon as you see them.

FEEDING Roses are heavy feeders, especially when they are in active growth and bloom. Feed your roses once every 2-3 weeks during the growing season with a water-soluble fertilizer such as **Cottage Farms'** Carefree Bud-N-Flower Booster for Roses (SKU #M7574). Discontinue feeding after September 1st so your plants can harden off for winter dormancy. Resume fertilizing when new growth appears in spring.

WINTERIZING In late fall, prepare your tree rose for winter by protecting the graft (the most vulnerable part of the plant). The graft can be identified by locating the bulge at the top of the tree where the trunk ends and the branches begin.

In mild zones (7-10), tree roses can be left in the ground. If freezing weather is expected, wrap the plant in straw and cover it with burlap to protect the graft. Cover the base with a 6-8 inch layer of mulch such as loose soil, shredded bark, compost, leaves, straw, or other organic material.

In colder areas (zones 4-6), tree roses should be grown in containers and moved into an unheated, protected area such as a garage or cellar before temperatures drop below freezing. Check soil moisture every 2-3 weeks and water as needed during winter.

In spring, remove straw and burlap from in-ground plantings. Containerized plants should be moved back out into the garden sunlight where they will begin to repeat their yearly performance.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Should I deadhead my tree rose?

Yes. Deadheading keeps the plant looking tidy and promotes continuous blooming.

My tree rose has been planted for a few weeks and it has not begun growing. Is something wrong?

Tree roses may take some time to come out of dormancy, especially if the weather is cool. Once the weather is warm, your tree rose should break dormancy and begin producing new growth.