



Cascade Water Alliance

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1. Select disease resistant roses
2. Choose a location with 8 hours of sun a day
3. Preferably, dig up and amend an entire planting bed. If planting in an existing bed, dig a very large hole and make sure it drains well. Mix 1/3 compost and a handful of organic fertilizer with the soil that was dug out of the hole.
4. Established roses need about 1" of water per week (depending on soil type and weather conditions). Newly planted roses need more. Water entire area around the rose—not just the base of the rose.
5. Fertilize with a slow release fertilizer in spring after the first leaves reach 4"-6" then again 6 weeks later. If using organic fertilizers, use once a month. Fish fertilizer, alfalfa meal, and manures are excellent sources of organic fertilizers. Don't fertilize newly planted roses until after the first bloom.

Pruning—

Prun hybrid teas and floribundas down to elbow height in late fall, then to knee height in late February or early March.

Remove dead and broken canes as well as stems less than the diameter of a pencil. Cut off any remaining leaves even if they look healthy. This helps to eliminate overwintering pests and diseases.

Understand the plant. Hybrid teas and floribundas are pruned differently than climbers and shrub roses.

N Nothing left behind. Always keep the area around your roses fresh and clean by removing all fallen canes, leaves, and debris.

E Enjoy your roses. Smell them every day. That way, if a problem arises, you can nip it in the bud.

The garden grows best when the shadow of the gardener is frequently there.

Rose types:

Hybrid Tea

`Savannah' Sunbelt
`Grande Amore'
`Firefighter'
`First Crush'

Floribunda

`Poseidon'
`Julia Child'

Grandiflora

`Dark Desire'
`Anna's Promise'
`South Africa'

Shrub/Landscape

`Knock Out' (several colors)
`At Last'
`Oso Easy Double Red'

Ground Cover

`Flower Carpet' (several colors)
`Drift'

David Austin/English Roses

`Olivia Rose Austin'
`Lady of Shallot'
`Boscobel'

Climbing

`Westerland'
`Honeymoon'
`Paul's Himalayan Musk'
`Tangerine Skies'

Rugosa/Hybrid Rugosa

`Blanc Doublet de Coubert'

Standard or Tree Roses

24" tall—patio tree rose
36" tall

Species/Hybrid Species

Rosa glauca
Rosa sericea ssp. omeiensis

Rose uses

Focal point, container, hedge, espalier, mixed border

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