



Planting Your Roses



Information and Planting Tips

Roses are fragrant, beautiful and wonderfully suited to our Valley. The Livermore-Amador area is known as the Valley of Wine and Roses. Along with vineyards, all the major rose growers including Jackson and Perkins once grew fields of roses here. Our climate is one of the world's best to grow beautiful roses.

Alden Lane carries the widest selection of top quality roses in the Valley. You can choose from the new All-American Rose Winners or pick from old favorites. There's a rose for everyone. Roses are available in bush and tree forms as well as miniature and climbing types.

Choose The Right Site

Roses love sunshine and warmth so choose a sunny spot with at least 6 hours of direct sunlight. Good air circulation is also important as this discourages disease. If garden space is limited, plant your rose in a container. A 1/2 barrel, redwood tub or extra large clay or plastic pot will maintain your plant for years.

How To Plant Your Roses

Our roses are planted in earth friendly, biodegradable planting pots filled with a special soil mix fortified with slow release fertilizer. This avoids transplant shock and allows your plant to establish and bloom earlier. We suggest you have the following **things you will need for planting: Master Start starter fertilizer, and Master Nursery Rose Planting Mix soil conditioner mulch.** We also suggest sprinkling some **Osmocote Outdoor & Indoor Plant Food** slow release fertilizer in the soil mix.

Follow these 4 simple steps:

1. Dig a hole 6-8" wider and deeper than the pot and then mix the soil from the hole with an equal amount of Master Rose Planting Mix mulch. Add 7 tbs. Master Start to the mix. Put enough of this mixture in the hole to bring the soil level in the pot even with the ground level.
2. Turn the pot on its side. Put a serrated knife into one of the bottom drain holes and cut the bottom of the pot off. Make two slices into the pot lip and tear rim off with your hand, about 1/2" below the soil.
3. Set the rose plant, pot and all, into the hole. Fill around the pot with the prepared soil mix. Firm the soil as you go.
4. Lastly, water thoroughly and deeply



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