

Help from Portland Nursery

Planting a Bare Root Rose

Space 3' apart for average size (3-6' tall) roses, 5' apart for roses that sucker or ramble.

Dig a hole 18" x 18"

If soil is dry, fill the hole with water & allow to drain.

Add compost (roses love mushroom compost) to the soil that was taken from the hole. The mix should be 1 part compost to 2 parts soil. Add bone meal or an organic rose food to the mix as well. Read the label for amounts.

Use the mix to build a mound of soil in the middle of the hole.

Roses purchased early in spring have not yet developed roots, or may have very fragile new roots.

Carefully remove the rose from the pot by tipping the pot to the side & sliding the plant out. Soil will easily fall away from the roots. This soil may be added to the planting mixture. (I mean for this to be the only grayed out section).

Place the plant above the mound so the bud union (swelling at the base of the stem) is above or at ground level.

Fill the hole 2/3 full with the compost & soil mix. Lightly tap the soil to remove air pockets. Fill in with remaining soil so that soil level is level around the base of the rose.

Water thoroughly and slowly.