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Home & Garden

Roses are easy to grow

(MS) — Despite what you may have heard, roses are easy to grow! In fact, with very little effort you can have roses that will make your garden the envy of the neighborhood.

The rose is, of course, our national flower, and every garden should have at least one. Whether you've never grown a rose before, or perhaps you've had a less than successful experience with roses in the past, the American Rose Society urges you to try, try again!

Today's roses are more pest- and disease-resistant than ever before, and they have simple requirements — lots of sun and water and a little fertilizer. Roses grow in all climates, and depending on the varieties you choose, fulfill a myriad of garden requirements, from landscape plantings to flowers for cutting.

Modern roses are among the only perennial plants that bloom all through the growing season. Floribunda roses offer

nonstop color and are great for mass plantings, colorful hedges, or single plantings. Climbers and shrubs grow tall and bloom freely. Hybrid teas produce those large, perfectly formed flowers on long stems, and miniatures provide bright spots of color in small spaces or in containers.

If you think you need help with planting, fertilizing, or choosing the varieties that will do best in your garden, the American Rose Society can help. There is an American Rose Society-certified Consulting Rosarian who lives right in your neighborhood, and he or she would be delighted to talk with you on the phone or even make a house call to help you get off to a successful start. And this great service is absolutely free!

Call the American Rose Society at (318) 938-5402 for the name and phone number of a Consulting Rosarian near you. GT997407.

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Planting instructions guide in celebration of Arbour Week

You have purchased a healthy living plant. Keep it that way by taking the following steps:

1. Upon your arrival at home, place plant in the shade and keep moist until planted.
2. Dig hole minimum 30-40 cm larger than the pot ball or root spread.
3. Rough the sides and bottom of the hole to help drainage and root penetration.
4. Clay soil: Plant minimum 10-15 cm above the surrounding soil. Backfill with a mixture of topsoil, manure and peat moss.
5. Sandy Soil: Back fill with a good gardening mix.
6. Before backfilling: All restraints must be cut away from the trunk. (Wire, burlap, plastic containers). Artificial shipping wrap

must be removed or severely cut. (Wire, burlap, plastic containers). Fibre pots should be cut off, unless plant not rooted, then remove rim and severely cut pot. Root bound plants should have the root-ball cut lengthwise.

7. Trees should be staked and tied.
8. Spread mulch or compost around the base to keep plants moist. Feed twice yearly at the surface.
9. Roses should be planted with the bud (bump on stem) 2" below the surface.
10. Water as needed 2-3 times weekly during 1st year.

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