

DON'T FORGET MOTHER'S DAY MAY 11, 1997

Each rose type requires different care

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become the focal point of most gardens.

Tips to help roses survive

If roses are new to you, here are some tips on planting and pruning them.

The location you choose should offer the roses six to eight hours of sunshine every day.

You must work with the soil, making sure that good drainage is provided as roses simply do not like wet feet. Dig the soil deep, to about 18 inches.

Cover the worked-up area with no less than two inches of peat moss, then a layer of manure or some of your own garden compost.

The tough work comes when you mix all the ingredients thoroughly into the soil where the roses will be planted. Add a handful of rose fertilizer and mix it into the soil that goes back into the hole around the rose.

For the popular and desirable hybrid teas, pruning should never be severe. Light pruning produces bigger and better plants with more flowers.

Just cut back all the dead wood and weak growth and remove all crossing branches. When you make the final cut on each branch, be sure that the bud at the cut is on the outside of the branch. This little trick keeps the centre of the bush open and uncrowded.

Floribunda roses should be pruned very lightly and in the same way as hybrid teas.

Dwarf polyantha roses need only have the dead wood removed in the spring.

Climbing and rambling roses bear their flowers on last year's canes and should not be pruned until after they've flowered.

At that time, remove the old flowering wood and tie in young growth coming up from the base.

Some large flowered climbers should have only their laterals shortened in the spring.

When pruning take it easy, be gentle and never slash carelessly away.

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