

Preventing squirrels a hair-raising experience

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and replant. Make sure that the bud union (the bump where the rose was grafted onto hardy root stalk) is two inches below the surface of the soil.
In November, place a mound of earth 12-15 inches deep over the

base of each rose. There is plenty of time for the roots to get established before freeze-up.
Many people have asked how to prevent squirrels from feasting on their newly-planted bulbs. Squirrels love tulips and crocus but not narcissus. Plant bulbs two inches

deeper than recommended. Bulbs can be sprayed or dipped in a rodent repellent before planting. Place a piece of one-inch chicken wire or plastic mesh over the freshly-planted bulbs and cover it with two inches of soil.
Granular bloodmeal or human

hair clippings (free from your local hairdresser) sprinkled over planted areas may also be a deterrent. Some gardeners simply feed the squirrels to distract them from the bulbs while others trap and relocate them in wooded areas.
For information on fall garden-

ing, plan to attend a free seminar Sept. 13 at 10 a.m. For directions call (905) 649-3532.
Send your questions or comments to: Let's Get Growing, c/o The Tribune, 88 Brock St. W., Uxbridge, Ont., L9P 1R4. Attention: Marjorie Mason Hogue.

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