

Protect your roses now for coming winter

Roses for Canadian Gardens by Robert Osborne is a practical guide to varieties of hardy roses and techniques for grow-

ing them. Two of the hardest groups are roses of the Explorer series, developed in Ottawa,

and the Morden series bred in Manitoba.

These are shrub roses that have been hybridized to bloom all summer. Many gardeners prefer these roses that need no winter protection and have a less formal appearance, making them valuable in the flower border rather than being segregated in a rose garden.

The less hardy, more formal

roses — hybrid teas, floribundas and grandifloras still remain the favourite of rose fanciers.

These should be mounded with a foot of soil each November.

Some gardeners use rose collars to hold the soil around the stem, others are experimenting with styrofoam cones.

Dormant bareroot roses can

Food Page correction

On Tuesday's Food Page one ingredient was published incorrectly for the 'Friendly Ghosts' recipe.

Instead of one egg white, the recipe actually calls for three egg whites. The newspaper regrets the error.

Let's Get Growing



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be planted in very early spring or late fall (soak the roots several hours prior to planting).

Container grown roses can be added to the garden at anytime.

When purchasing a rose, look for one with several sturdy stems, not thin twiggy ones.

Some roses are grown on their own roots but most are grafted onto hardy rootstock — you will recognize the graft as a bulge at the base of the shrub.

This bulge should be buried three inches under the soil even if it is above soil level in the pot!

Roses prefer a well-drained, rich soil with plenty of moisture and at least six hours of sunshine daily. They are heavy feeders and an application of manure each fall is advisable.

Mabelle reports that she buries banana skins around her roses to provide extra potash.

Pruning roses is really quite simple. Don't prune in the fall unless the bushes are located so that the branches whipping in the wind could be injurious to passers-by. (Shrub roses provide colourful hips for winter interest).

In early April when live buds are swelling, prune off any blackened dead portions, always cutting 1/8 inch above an outward facing bud.

Established bushes should have one or two of the oldest stems removed at ground level each year.

For tender roses there is an old rule "Leave 3 to 5 stems with 3 to 5 buds on each."

Roses are subject to several diseases — particularly mildew and black spot. When selecting roses, ask for those varieties which have shown resistance to these problems.

To prevent mildew, provide good air circulation, adequate moisture but dry foliage (no overhead sprinklers) and spray every two weeks with one teaspoon of baking soda and a drop of detergent in a litre of water.

Black spot (a patch of yellow centred with black) can defoliate a rose and overwinters as spores in the soil under the bush.

All infected leaves should be garbaged each fall.

A fresh 2-4 inch layer of mulch placed around the roses in the spring will prevent the spores from being splashed up onto young leaves and reinfesting them.

Insects that bother roses will need an entire column, unfortunately.

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