

### A little bit of advice on planting and growing Roses

You will need a place to plant your roses in your garden so choose your spot carefully. Roses need to be in full sun and a soil that has a Ph. reading of about 6.5. You will also need to dig through a generous amount of compost mix through your soil.

When choosing your rose read the label carefully as there are hundreds of varieties with different growth patterns.

Your rose maybe in a pot or bare rooted either way soak the roots before planting. Dig the hole at least twice the size of the pot or root system, place the plant in the hole and back fill with your composted soil. The soil should not come up the stem of the rose. After planting, water the rose with some Searles Seaweed liquid fertiliser or similar as it will help with the transplant stress.

Place about 50mm of mulch around the plant; Lucerne mulch is great for this. After your rose has been in the ground for a month or so, you will need to start fertilizing with a rose fertilizer, such as Searles Rose and Flower food.

The leaves on your rose will develop quickly so check if often for Black spot which is a fungus that grows on the leaves. Prune the leaves off and place in the bin, then spray with a Fungicide. Check with your garden supply store for the right fungicide to use.