

GROWING ROSES IN CENTRAL TEXAS

ROSE CLASSIFICATION

American Rose Society www.ars.org

Old Garden Roses - - - - - established before 1867

Modern Roses - - - - - after 1867. (La France in introduced)

OLD GARDEN ROSES

Species roses - - - Occur naturally in the wild. Yellow Banksiae

China roses- - - - i.e. Old Blush, Archduke Charles

Noisette roses- - - Marechal Niel, Champneys' Pink Cluster

Bourbons - - - - - Reve d'Or, Souvenir de Malmaison

Hybrid Perpetuals- - - Paul Neyron, Marquise Boecella

Tea Roses - - - - - Duchesse de Brabant, Mrs. B. R. Cant

MODERN ROSES

Hybrid Teas - - - large blooms, long stems

Grandifloras - - - bloom in clusters

Floribundas- - - - small blooms clusters 2 – 4 feet tall

Miniatures - - - - small blooms (1/4 – 1/2") 1 – 2 feet tall

Mini-floras- - - - -new rose, mix of floribunda and miniatures

Shrubs- - - - -diverse group that do not fit in. David Austin roses (from England)

Large shrub.

Climbers- - - - -span both Old Garden and Modern Roses. Long canes.

LOCAL ROSE SUPPLIERS

It's a Jungle
901 Kramer Lane
Austin, TX 512-837-1205

The Natural Gardener
8648 Old Bee Caves Road
Oak Hill, TX 512-288-6113

Barton Springs Nursery
3601 Bee Caves Road
Austin, TX 512-328-6655

The Antique Rose Emporium
Brenham, TX 1-800-441-0002
or
7561 East Evans Road, San Antonio, TX

ROSE BUSH GRADING

Grade 1 - - - -3 or more canes 3/8" in diameter and 15" long

Grade 1 1/2 - - - 2 or more strong canes

X x - - - - - Own root roses are not subject to grading system. Look for healthy canes
12 – 18" long, grown in 2 gallon pots.

PREPARE BEDS NOW. Raised beds, allow soil to mellow and begin to grow microbes. Site Selection 6 - 8 hours of sun, away from trees. Mix your own soil - 1/3 top soil, 1/3 sand, 1/3 compost.

ROSE SOIL MIXES: Gardenville Products- - Creedmoor TX 512-329-4906--\$38.00
Geo Growers - - Austin, TX Highway 290 W. 512-892-2722 \$38.50
Natural Gardener - - Oak Hill TX 8648 Old Bee Caves 512-288-6113 \$48.96

PLANT NEW BEDS EARLY! February **PRUNE** in mid February. Prune for **HEALTH** Remove dead canes and diseased canes. **VIGOR** cut out small twiggy growth. **STRUCTURE** Open to a V shape for air circulation. Cut ½ to ¼ inch above bud eye. **CLIMBERS** Once bloomers are pruned after Spring bloom. Repeat bloomers should be pruned in mid-February..

PRUNE, WATER, "CLEAN UP SPRAY"- - spray with horticultural oil to control scale.

FERTILIZERS- - roses are heavy feeders. Water soluble - - Peters, Miracle Gro. Granular is slower to release. Dry Mix Organic - - Fish meal (8-12-2), Cotton seed meal (6-2-1) are also slow to release. Roses need Micro Nutrients - - Calcium, magnesium, - - iron, gypsum, Epsom salts, ironite or greensand. www.epsomsaltcouncil.org/garden www.hastagro.com

FALL/WINTER - - stop feeding in mid October. Continue to water. Cut dried canes and spent blooms. Winter build new beds, soak beds, (winds dry out roses), add 2 inches of compost. Spring - - prune in February. Feed organics early. -½ cup cottonseed, ½ cup fish meal. Water and apply clean up spray. Feed with water soluble fertilizer. Add compost then 2" of mulch.

SUMMER CARE - - - temperatures above 100°. Water deep weekly. Fertilize monthly. Clean out twiggy growth. Keep mulch at 3 inches deep to conserve water.

FALL - -September 1st add cotton burr compost. Prune lightly, water, fertilize. Heavy bloom occurs in mid October.

RECOMMENDED ROSES (These are also fragrant!)

Secret, HT pink blend	Double Delight, HT red blend
Mr. Lincoln, HT red	Sunsprite, F deep yellow
Fragrant Cloud, HT orange	Angel Face, F mauve
Perfume Delight, HT pink,	

OTHER GREAT ROSES

+Knock Out, Shrub, red. Earth kind.
+Belinda's Dream, Shrub, pink. Earth kind
Gemini, HT red blend
Veteran's Honor, HT red
Sexy Remy, F pink
Playboy, F red blend
Europeana, F dark red
Royal Occasion, F orange red

CLIMBERS

America, orange
Climbing Peace, yellow blend
New Dawn, light pink
Don Juan, dark red
Fourth of July, pink blend
+Carefree Beauty, Shrub, medium pink
+Mutabilis, China, yellow blend
+Reve d'Or, Noisette, yellow

PRUNERS

Felco #2 - - \$44.50
Corona - - - \$23.49
Lopers - - - \$75.00
Felco Folding Pruning Saw,
Model #600 - - \$25.99

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