Roses Are EASY!

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Consulting Rosarians
Why grow ROSES?
ROSES bloom 8 months

- That’s a lot of BANG for the BUCK!
- No other plant produces as MANY flowers
Roses Add Sparkle

- Drought tolerant Landscaping comes to life
- Add color to an “all green landscape”
- Provide Blooms for Your Home
Accent with Roses
Tuck Climbers in Corners
Potted Roses
Success requires:

- Location with:
  - 6-8 hours of **SUN**
  - good drainage
  - good ventilation
  - no competition from tree roots
Roses Require from us

- Water
- Mulch
- Fertilizer
- Attention
Annual Maintenance
SUN + Water = Plant Sugar
Watering Tips

- Thorough deep watering is BEST – 1-2 times per week for roses
- Don’t give light watering
- Soil around the roots should be damp, not saturated with standing water
- Check the moisture at the drip line (edge of the leaf canopy)
- Add water when the soil is dry in the upper 1 to 2 inches.
Mulch

- 2-3 inches deep
- Slows evaporation of water from soil
- Keeps soil from baking and roots cooler
- Breaks down into food for plants
- Keeps weeds away
Fertilize

Organic fertilizer 1-2 times per year

1. Mid/late February for Spring Growth and Bloom (minimum)
2. Early August for Fall Bloom

Organic Fertilizer fosters a healthy environment that produces plants that are stronger and better able to resist disease and insects.
No Spray

- Chose disease resistant roses
- Expect some blackspot and mildew
- Disease disappears in our hot summers
Helping Mother Nature

▪ Shower your Roses with Water when needed
  ▪ washes off aphids till beneficial population increases (spring)
  ▪ Spider mites – love hot and dry—HATE Water

▪ Maintain clean growing environment
  ▪ Toss leaves and pruning clippings in trash

▪ Deadhead larger flowers
WINTER PRUNING

- cut back to shape the bush
- eliminate dead, diseased or damaged canes
- Remove non-productive spindly growth
- encourage growth of new canes—eliminate oldest canes
- open the center of the bush
Recap

- SUN
- Adequate WATER
- Fertilize
- Mulch
- Winter Prune
So EASY!!!
ROSE Blooms ALL Summer!!!
Which Rose Depends on YOUR Expectations

- Color
- Bouquets
- Statement
- Sentimental
- Fragrance
Some of our Favorites…
ABOUT FACE
Blushing Knockout
Cherry Parfait
Cinco de Mayo
Dick Clark
Firefighter
Gemini
Grandma’s Blessing
Happy Chappy
Hot Cocoa
Lava Flow (Lavaglut)
Lyda Rose
Molineux
Secret
September Mourn
Sunrise, Sunset
White Knockout
WHITE MEIDILAND
Bees Knees
Dancing Flame

Grace Seward
Leading Lady
Silicon Valley Diamond
Three Climbers:
- Purple Splash,
- Fourth of July,
- Candyland
Pink Eden
The End