



# rose planting guide

*Whether bare-rooted or potted, the roses we have posted were packed with love and care. Should you have any concerns about their quality on arrival, please take photos and forward them to 0418 337 765 immediately.*

## site preparation

- Roses must be planted in an open, sunny position which gets at least 6 hours full sun daily.
- Avoid planting too close to established trees as the soil should be well drained and nutrient enriched.
- When planting a rose where an old rose was removed, we recommend replacing a 1/2 barrow load of fresh soil.

## on arrival

- Remove packaging and soak plants for up to 24 hours in seaweed solution.
- After soaking, plant your roses or cover with soil or potting mix until ready to plant in a permanent location.

## potted roses

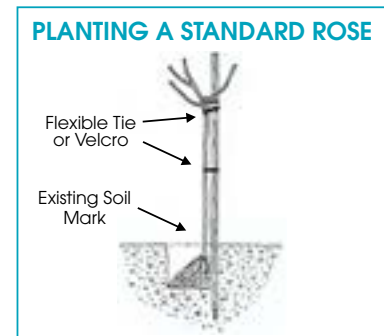
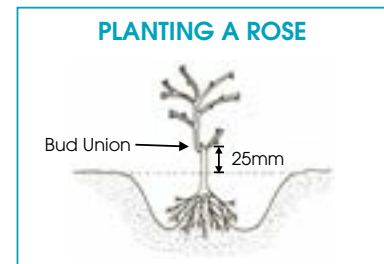
- Soak the hole well before planting.
- Prepare a hole double the width and depth of the pot.
- Place rose in hole. No need to loosen roots.
- Back-fill, being sure to cover the potting mix with soil and mulch.
- Water well (2 buckets) then apply seaweed solution.

## important...

- NEVER allow roots to dry out
- NEVER add fertiliser or manure to planting hole. (Well rotted compost is ideal!)
- NEVER use chemical weedicide in a rose garden.
- NEVER think roses are hard to grow.
- DO NOT fertilise until foliage appears.
- DO NOT overwater.

## bare-rooted roses

- Dig a wide, rough-edged hole (75cm diameter) and deep enough so that the bud union sits just above ground level.
- Create a mound of friable soil mix at the base - fan the roots over the mound.
- Backfill and carefully tamp the soil all the way around the stem
- Water well (2 buckets) then apply seaweed solution.
- Trim newly planted roses by at least 1/3 to encourage robust new growth.
- ALL roses will grow in large tubs with diligent watering/seaweed/fertilizer.



## care

- Start organic rose management program immediately after planting, then at least once a month thereafter. (See the Rosarian Catalogue)
- Fortnightly applications of seaweed solution is highly recommended.
- Mulch with lucerne, pea straw or a good pine bark - keep mulch 10cm away from stem.

## MOST IMPORTANT RULE: TAKE TIME OUT TO ENJOY AND SMELL THE ROSES

For detailed information purchase *All About Roses* by Diana Sargeant



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