

NELSON'S FLORIDA ROSES CARE GUIDE

17530 Hartwood Marsh Road, Winter Garden - retail Saturdays ONLY from 9-2 pm

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- WATER:** After planting, you will need to water every day for the first 30 days for the roots to establish. After the 30 days, watering schedule will depend on your soil conditions - roses like water but hate to stay wet. Do not water overhead before 6 am or after 6 pm as the roses will stay too wet and can develop fungus.
- SPACING:** Space the bushes about 3 ft from center to center for proper growth and air circulation, larger/bushier varieties could use 4 ft+.
- PLANTING:** Dig a hole 18" x 18" and mix in a light potting soil -- **do not disturb the roots**. Plant your bush at the same level they were at in the original pot – **no soil mounding and don't cover graft**. Do not grow your roses in the pot they come in, get them in the ground or a larger pot (7 gal or larger with ample drainage).
- PRUNING:** Prune bushes regularly. Hard prune is only for bushes 1 year or older, you can do this late February. Please check our website/facebook for information on hard pruning.
- FERTILIZING:** Osmocote (or another slow release granular. 3-1-2 ratio is preferred.)
- WEEDING:** Hand weeding is best. Barriers include weed mat/ground cover, pine straw or mulch (do not cover the graft). **No round up or glyphosate products**; not near or on the roses – it will kill them within a matter of days.

PEST CONTROL/DISEASE GUIDE

BLACKSPOT: Black spots on yellow leaves. Leaves may drop.

- Banner Max, Dithane, Daconil, Captan 50, Heritage

DOWNY MILDEW: Angular black lesion

- Heritage, Subdue max

POWDERY MILDEW: Leaves and stem have white powdery growth

- Daconil, Funginex, Heritage

MITES: Very small insect found on the underside of leaves

- Avid, Promite, Floramite, Nexter

THRIPS (BLOOMS): Long yellow insects found in flower buds. Outside edges of blooms with turn brown.

- Orthene, Orthenex

CHILI THRIPS: Microscopic foliar thrip. Leaves will turn brown and shrivel up. No new growth/no new blooms

- Conserve SC

APHIDS: Soft bodied/pear shaped insect. Can be green, yellow, or black.

- Orthene, Vendex, Pesticide Oil* (*Do not use horticulture oils/soaps when the temp is over 70* during the day!)

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