

Tree Roses

Tree rose planting

Plant your tree roses following the instructions for bush roses. If planting a dormant (bareroot) rose, follow the additional three steps below. You will also need a large handful of sphagnum moss and a plastic bag large enough to cover the branches and crown of the tree (included with some roses). If you purchased a potted rose, follow the instructions on the packaging. Tree roses should be securely staked after planting, as shown below.



1 Soak the moss thoroughly, form it into a ball and place at the center of the crown of your tree rose. Cover the head with the plastic bag, leaving the bag open at the bottom.

2 Temporarily remove the bag during the afternoons of hot, direct sunlight, and check the moss every few days to make sure it stays moist.

3 Remove the bag and the moss when you see about $\frac{1}{4}$ " new growth. Continue to give the plant plenty of water until plant is fully leafed out.

Always stake tree roses.

Container Roses

Container planting

1 Choose a container that is large enough to easily accommodate the plant's roots. For miniatures and small shrub varieties, a container 10 to 14 inches across and 12 to 14 inches deep is a good size. For larger varieties, containers should be at least 16 inches across and 16 to 18 inches deep. The container should have holes for drainage, so that the plant's roots do not stand in water. Containerized roses will grow well in any sunny outdoor location.



2 Use a planting mix of equal parts sandy loam soil and organic matter, or all-purpose potting soil available at any nursery or garden center. We recommend adding a

slow-release fertilizer such as Once to the planting mix. Follow label instructions.

3 Form a mound of planting mix near the bottom of the container and set the plant so the crown is an inch or two below the rim. Fill the pot with planting mix up to the crown, then press down gently. Water thoroughly. The planting mix should settle an inch or two below the rim to make watering easier.

