

## TO PLANT A ROSE

1. Select a spot in full sun if possible - the sunnier the better - morning sun is best. Old Garden Roses will tolerate less sun than modern roses, but 4 to 6 hours of sun would be recommended as the minimum. Old Garden Roses do not require raised beds.
2. Water the rose well in its pot. Or soak it in a pail of water for an hour or two if it is bare root.
3. Dig a nice hole - much larger than the pot or root ball. Fill the hole with rich amended soil. Or buy a sack of potting mix - "mix" not potting soil. (Miracle Gro potting mix, Jungle Growth potting mix, or Peters potting mix). Mix lots of the potting mix with the existing soil.
4. Water the hole well. Add more amended soil if necessary.
5. Plant the rose. Press soil around it well. Plant the rose a little higher than the surrounding ground level because some settling will occur.
6. Mulch around the rose well with pine straw or tree bark or other mulch..
7. Water well. And water for the first couple of weeks after planting if it doesn't rain. Then treat it as you would any other shrub.
8. Old Garden Roses do not require heavy pruning and heavy feeding as modern roses do, but prune lightly to train or shape, remove any dead wood. Feed with organic matter, and mulch once or twice a year if you wish - around Valentine's Day and Labor Day.
9. Do not spray with any chemicals. An occasional attack from insects or a mild case of black spot on some varieties will not harm these roses. They will recover on their own.