

## ROSE CUTTING PREPARATION

Take cuttings that are no longer than the width of a gallon baggie. If possible, make a slanted cut on the bottom and a straight cut at the top, to ensure that the recipient knows which end to root.

Try to make the bottom cut between leaf nodes, so the recipient can make a fresh cut if necessary. Remove a few of the lower sets of leaves.

***If possible, take your cuttings in the morning when the stems are turgid and soak them in water, completely submerged, before you wrap them.***

Bundle the cuttings up, and wrap the ***bottoms*** in damp paper towels, Lay the damp paper towel flat, arrange the cuttings on the paper towel about an inch apart, then starting at one end, roll the paper towel up.

Put your bundle of cuttings in bottom of a gallon sized plastic baggie. Roll the baggie up, pressing out any extra air. Zip up the baggie.

Make sure to label the cuttings. Use a waterproof marker to write the name on the baggie.

\*\*\*When receiving cuttings, pop them in the fridge if you can't deal with them right away.