



## Planting Your New Rose

Congratulations! Now you have purchased your bare root rose, here are some great tips for planting and caring for it.

Our roses have been carefully prepared for you by soaking, pruning and potting them to ensure they will have the best start in life. While you are preparing to plant them, it is important to keep them watered whilst still in the pot and it is best to aim to have them planted by the end of July before the new growth starts to appear.

For successful flowering, select a sunny position in your garden which will ideally receive at least 5 hours of sunshine a day. Dig and turn over your garden soil about 50cm wide and thoroughly mix in **planting compost** or **aged cow manure** and a small handful of **Healthy Earth Fertilizer**. The soil will come away as you remove your rose from the pot (don't panic!) simply use this in the planting hole. Make a small mound of soil inside the hole and place the roots over this then backfill so that the final soil level is about 1cm below the graft point.

Tip – it is fine to tilt the bush below the ground when planting to straighten the top.

Tip – if you need to plant a rose in a spot where you have taken out an old rose and you are concerned about residual disease, simply plant inside a cardboard box filled with fresh soil and buried into the ground, making some holes in the base for drainage. By the time the box composts down the surrounding soil will be clear.

### Planting into a Pot

If you are planting into a pot, try to select one at least 45cm wide and deep as this will provide enough growing space for your rose and reduce the chance of it becoming dry in the summer. Always use a **Premium Potting Mix** and elevate the pot on feet to ensure drainage.

After planting, make a solution of **Seasol** and water in. This will act as a root stimulant and assist in promoting new growth. Repeat every 2 weeks until spring. Finally, mulch with straw or bark taking care to leave a space of about 10cm free around the stem.

### Spring Time

After growth appears in spring, it is then time to feed your rose. We use and recommend **Sudden Impact for Roses**. Simply apply one measure (included inside the bucket) each month until April to ensure a continuous display of blooms and a healthy rose. Always water in well and it will quickly work its way through the soil to feed the rose.