



David Austen English Roses

Sunlight: choose a light airy position, preferably not overhung by trees.

Planting: roses will benefit from a generous quantity of well rotted compost or rose food such as Rose-tone when planting, roses like to spread their roots so prepare a good sized hole 2' x 2' x 18" depth. Make sure that the container plants are moist before planting and after planting. Firm the soil well, but do not compact and water in well. It is important to keep the plants moist until well established.

Watering: regular watering during dry conditions will encourage more flowers, a stronger plant, and better health.

Feeding: apply rose food from spring to late summer.

Mulching: to help prevent moisture loss during dry weather, mulch 2"-3" with a layer of garden compost, bark, or wood chips.

Pruning: the first three years prune only to shape, the third year prune between one-third and one-half of overall size between January and April. Always remove any dead or diseased branches. Be sure to sterilize pruners with rubbing alcohol or bleach solution afterwards.

Dead heading: remove any spent blooms to encourage quicker and better repeat flowering.

