

Summer Roses

Gardens are not complete without a rose. Every person who sees a cut rose in a vase just naturally goes to take a whiff. Roses are idyllic we grew up with roses blooming all summer along picket fences, vining on gazebos, and tenderly cared for by mom.

Roses grow here year round and require year round care. Choose a low maintenance heirloom shrub rose that is easy to grow called 'Louis Phillipe'. This rose is pest and disease resistant, requires less water and fertilizer, and can be grown on its own roots. Roses do well planted into a morning sun location, east side of the house where it gets at least 6 hours of sunlight. Before planting amend the entire landscape bed where you plan to plant the rose. Incorporate 2-4 inches of organic matter like compost or peat moss into the soil area and mulch with a layer of pine bark. Water frequently early in the morning for 6-8 weeks to establish the rose shrub. Fertilize with University of Florida formulated 8-2-12+4Mg this fertilizer contains nearly 100% slow release nitrogen, potassium and magnesium and contains quick release micro nutrients available from johndeerelandscapes.com click on branch locator to find an outlet near your home. Apply this formulation every 3 months to all your landscape, trees, shrubs, groundcover, palms and roses.

See a wonderful array of Florida roses growing in the Mounts Botanical Garden 531 North Military Trail West Palm. Visiting hours Monday-Saturday 8:30AM-4:00PM and Sundays Noon-4:00PM. The Garden is closed on all observed Palm Beach County holidays. If you have a rose question contact the Master Gardener volunteer hotline at 233-1750 M-F, 9-4.



Figure 1 'Louis Phillipe' heirloom rose in Mounts Botanical Garden