

Roses for Container Gardens

A basic guide to growing gorgeous roses in a container for patios and balconies



Roses are a gardening staple for good reason. They have a classic elegance that adds timeless beauty to the garden. But what to do if your gardening space is limited to a balcony or patio? No problem! Follow our simple guide to roses that have a better time growing in space-saving containers and how to care for them.

Steps for Success

1. Choose the right rose. Fragrant, compact, disease-resistant varieties with continual bloom perform best. Avoid climbers or large shrub roses.
2. Pick the right pot. Anything with a drainage hole will work. (1/2 barrels are a great choice).
3. Use quality potting mix and enrich with compost to increase water holding capacity. Use a general organic soil that does NOT include any type of granular or time release fertilizer. Use of this type of potting soil may burn the roots and void our warranty.
4. Water regularly so that soil is moist, but not wet.
5. Feed often for more blooms. First in Spring, once new growth unfurls, and then after each flush of blooms--about every 4 to 6 weeks. In colder zones, stop fertilizing 8 weeks prior to the first frost. Always use a fertilizer that begins as a liquid in the bottle, such as Alaska Fish Fertilizer, for the first year.
6. Prune as normal to deadhead, shape, and control insects and disease.
7. Re-pot every two to three years to refresh the soil.
8. Root prune if you're trying to keep the plant small.

Acclimate

Greenhouse-grown plants need to be introduced to the outdoors for a period of 5-7 days before being transplanted outside.

- Begin by placing them in a protected area with a little morning sun for a few hours the first day, and bring back inside.
- Slowly increase the amount of sun and time outdoors each day.
- Once 5 to 7 days have passed, you can now transplant your rose into its new container and its new location.

At a Glance

Roses for Containers -

- **Floribunda/Small Shrub Roses** (2-3' tall) minimum container depth: 15"
- **Hybrid Tea/Shrub Roses** (3-4') minimum container depth: 18-22"
- **Miniature Roses** (up to 18") minimum container depth: 10"
- **Miniature/Patio Roses** (18-24") minimum container depth: 12"

Note - Rose roots like plenty of room, so choose containers that are 3 to 4 times larger than your rose's original container

Recommended Roses for Containers

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| All 'Meidiland' roses | Distant Drums | Pumpkin Patch |
| All miniature roses | Drift (apricot, coral, red) | Rose de Rescht |
| All Knockout roses | Gingersnap | Sentimental |
| All Iceberg roses | Grandma's Blessing | Sexy Remy |
| Angel Face | Hot Cocoa | Sheila's Perfume |
| Belinda's Dream | Julia Child | Sunblaze Candy |
| Beverly | Ketchup & Mustard | Sunflare |
| Bolero | Kiss Me | Sunrise Sunset |
| Carding Mill | Livin' Easy | Sunsprite |
| Champlain | Midas Touch | The Lady Gardener |
| Champagne Wishes | Mister Lincoln | Tranquility |
| Charlotte | Monlineux | Trumpeter |
| Cinco de Mayo | Morden Sunrise | Veranda (cream, lavender, mango) |
| Coral Cove | Outta the Blue | Veranda (sunbeam, white) |
| Darcey Bussell | Paint the Town | Winnipeg Parks |
| Day Breaker | Passionate Kisses | |
| Della Reese | Pink Flamingo | |