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Consulting Rosarians**

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A BRIEF GUIDE TO GROWING ROSES

WATER, WATER, WATER!

Roses require a lot of water, a minimum of two inches per week. The best way to water your roses is the drip method. The bed is soaked slowly and thoroughly to a depth of 5 or 6 inches with a small flow of water. If you water from above, do so in the early morning so the foliage has a chance to dry.

ROSES REQUIRE A LOT OF SUN!

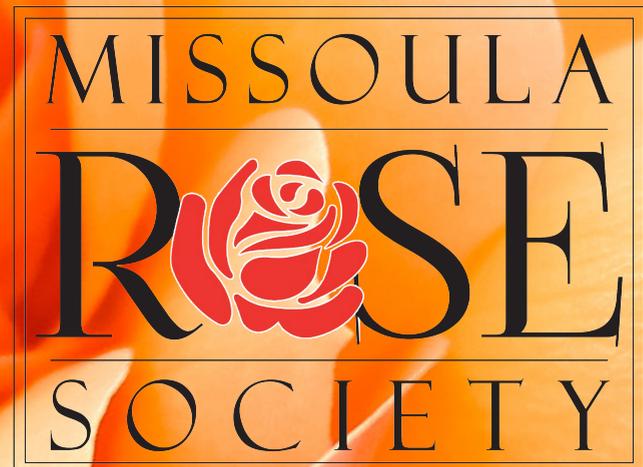
Roses are hardy plants and flourish in a wide range of conditions, but they do have a few basic requirements you need to consider before you plant. Plant your roses where they'll receive a minimum of 6 hours of full sun.

PLANT "QUALITY" BARE ROOT ROSES!

You can purchase roses locally, through mail order, or even discount stores. It's best, of course, to buy your plants from a supplier who guarantees their quality. Try to buy only grade No. 1 roses. The time and effort required for lower grade roses and your potential disappointment in its performance far outweighs any savings.

PREPARE THE PROPER PLANTING HOLE!

Prepare planting holes, approximately 15-18 inches wide and 15-18 inches deep. If the soil is very heavy, mix organic matter such as a compost or peat moss, up to 1/3 by volume, with the soil removed from the hole. A pH of 6.5 is ideal for roses.



and **MEMORIAL
ROSE GARDEN**

800 BROOKS STREET
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A LIVING MEMORIAL

Missoula's Memorial Rose Garden was established in 1946 as a memorial to Missoula area casualties of World War II. Six local rose enthusiasts formed the Missoula Rose Society on November 12, 1944.

The Society's first aim was the establishment of a Memorial Rose Garden. Response was enthusiastic, with 700 donors from around the state (children, fraternal organizations, fraternities and sororities) contributing.

In 1946, Rose Society members planted 650 rose bushes around the Memorial. A plaque on the Memorial lists the names of those who lost their lives in World War II.

The Garden is a joint effort of the Missoula Rose Society and the Missoula Parks and Recreation Department.

By agreement, the Rose Society is responsible for providing the rose bushes, planting them, and the overall supervision of the Garden. Maintenance of the parkland surrounding the Rose Garden is the province of the Parks and Recreation Department.

At present, 44 beds are planted with 600+ bushes, including a variety of hybrid teas, grandifloras, floribundas and miniatures. There are also a number of old shrub roses located in the park.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO SERVED

Among the attractive features of the park are the American and Montana state flags, which are lighted 24 hours a day, symbolizing the enduring honor paid to those who gave their lives for their country.

The Blue Star Memorial Rose Garden Bronze Plaque, located in the southwest corner of the park, was erected by the Montana Federation of Garden Clubs.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, located in the northeast corner of the park, was dedicated in 1989. The Korean War Monument, in the northwest corner, was dedicated in 1997. The Policemen's Memorial was dedicated in 2000 and is located to the southwest. Veterans of the conflicts since World War II are remembered throughout the park. Memorial Rose Garden Park is located at 800 Brooks St.

SUPPORT THE ROSE GARDEN

The Missoula Rose Society is dedicated to making the Garden a place that reflects community pride. Gifts to the Rose Garden in the form of memorials or donations for replacement of roses are always welcome and appreciated. Gifts may be sent to:

The Memorial Rose Garden
3405 Ravenwood Ln., Missoula, MT 59803
Acknowledgments will be sent.

JOIN THE ROSE SOCIETY

Regular meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month (except July, August, December, and January) at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Room at Southgate Mall. Guests are always welcome. If you have an enthusiasm for roses, please join us! Annual dues are \$20 per household. Rose Society members receive:

- A wealth of information on planting, and caring for roses.
- Involvement in the Missoula Memorial Rose Garden and the growing of new rose varieties.
- Participation in two rose shows per year.

The Missoula Rose Society is affiliated with the American Rose Society.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Membership fee enclosed:

\$20 to Missoula Rose Society

ARS member? Yes No

Certified Rosarian? Yes No

What type and how many roses do you grow?

I'm not interested in joining at this time, please send more information about the Rose Society.

Please mail this form with check to:

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