

Easy Care Backyard Rose Gardening

Ingredients for success

1. Water
 - a. Roses need 1" to 2" a week (1" = 5 gallon bucket full)
 - b. Irrigation and/or overhead watering
 - i. To minimize fungal disease, water just after sun is hitting the roses
 - c. Drip/leaky pipes or emitters are encouraged
2. Soil
 - a. Sandy loam soil texture - 60% sand, 20% silt, 20% clay
 - b. Compost is king
 - c. pH of 6.0 – 6.5 preferred
 - i. Often 7.0 or higher (both soil and water)
 - ii. Add sulfur to lower
3. Extension soil testing
 - i. Missouri Soil testing at MU
<https://extension.missouri.edu/programs/soil-and-plant-testing-laboratory/spl-submit-samples>
 - ii. Johnson County Kansas Soil testing at K State
<https://www.johnson.k-state.edu/lawn-garden/soil-testing/free-soil-test.html>
4. Let your soil test be your guide
 - a. Nitrogen is generally needed
 - b. Roses can be a bit needy
 - i. Organic
 - ii. Synthetic
 - c. Don't forget micronutrients
5. Location, location, location
 - a. At least 6 hours of full sun
 - b. Avoid planting among tree roots
 - c. Good drainage
 - d. Proper hole
 - e. Bud union below ground

ARTS – American Rose Trials for Sustainability®

<http://www.americanrosetrialsforsustainability.org/>

AGRS - American Garden Roses Selections™

<https://www.americangardenroseselections.com/>

Prairie Bloom Trials– K-State

<https://www.kansasroots.org/index.cfm> do a search for roses and you'll see the list

Earth-Kind® Trials

<https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkindroses/>



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German ADR test

<https://www.adr-rose.de/>

Easy care brands and their owners

Easy Elegance®, First Editions® – Bailey Nurseries

Oso Easy®, Rise Up™, etc. - Proven Winners®

Flower Carpet® – Tesselaar™

Nitty Gritty™, Grace N' Grit™ – Monrovia®

Knock Out®, Drift®, Kolorscape® – Star® Roses

Explorer, Canadian Artists, Parkland (Morden) – Several wholesalers

Easy to Love® – Weeks Roses

True Bloom® – Altman Plants™

Brindabella™ – Suntory Plants

Garden Debut® – Greenleaf Nurseries

Star Roses and Plants Catalog – link found at <https://www.starrosesandplants.com/industry-professionals/>

Catalog link https://issuu.com/starrosesandplants/docs/2024_rosecatalog?mode=window

Weeks Roses Catalog found at <https://www.weeksroses.com/> on left column of the homepage

American Rose Society

Website resources <https://www.rose.org>

ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses

Free trial membership

<https://www.rose.org/e-membership>

Kansas City Rose Society

<https://www.kansascityrosesociety.org/>

<https://www.kcrsroselibrary.com/>

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