



## Caring for Roses

### Feeding and watering

Remember to feed your roses once the first flush of flowers fades. Work a granular rose feed into the soil around the plant. This will reward you with more colourful blooms for the rest of the summer.

In very dry weather, roses will benefit from a good watering.

Keep roses in pots growing happily by applying a liquid fertiliser every week.

### Deadheading

Use secateurs to cut off the flowered stems to a healthy full-sized leaf.

### Diseases

Use a fungicide. It is essential to start spraying early against mildew, black spot or rust. Fungicides do not rid the leaves of these diseases. They only protect fresh leaves from the infection. Spray regularly once every two weeks to help keep the new growth clean.

### Planting New Roses

Make sure the pot is well watered before you start planting. Dig a large hole and mix in some compost with the soil to lighten it and include a handful of rose fertiliser. Make sure the rose is planted at the same depth as it was in the pot; too deep will cause suckers to form. WATER well after planting and until it is established (this can take several months) particularly in hot weather. This can mean as often as every other day.

If planting in a pot, make sure it is of a good size and provides good drainage.

### Companion Planting

Lavender, Foxgloves and Delphiniums are lovely for a mixed border.