

## Allan's 10 Keys To Success with Roses

1. Select a location with at least 6 hours of full sun, yet sheltered from hot and cold winds. Give them plenty of space to allow for good air circulation around the plants. Space them no less than three feet apart for shrub roses and 5 feet apart for climbers.
2. Place roses in soils that are slightly acid, amended with organic matter, well drained and deeply spaded or tilled.
3. Mulch your roses with 2 inches of cotton bur compost or finely ground pine bark as soon as they are planted to prevent weeds and protect the soil from drying out.
4. Fertilize roses with a controlled release fertilizer in March and again after the first flush of blooms has faded.
5. Water roses with drip irrigation or soaker hoses to prevent wet leaves from developing fungal problems like black spot and powdery mildew. Never let them dry out!
6. Spray roses when black spot fungus disease appears and continue on a weekly basis until warm and dry conditions lessen disease incidence.
7. Be on the lookout for aphids, spider mites, thrip, leaf beetles and other pests that attack roses and spray with approved insecticides according to the label directions.
8. Pinch off spent blossoms with fingers or small pruners to keep energy from going into seedpod (rose hips) production.
9. When cutting blooms for a bouquet, leave at least two sets of five leaflets on the stem from which new shoots can develop for future flowers.
10. Use all types of roses, hybrid teas, floribunda, grandiflora, shrub landscape roses and climbers, for a summer long succession of colorful and fragrant flowers!

## My Favorite varieties!

### HYBRID TEA ROSES

Peace, or Bella Roma (J.P.)	Yellow Pink
Tiffany	Pink
Queen Elizabeth	Pink
Touch of Class	Coral Pink to Salmon
Just Joey	Apricot
Crimson Bouquet	Red
Tropicana	Salmon Red
Double Delight	Red White
Fragrant Cloud	Coral Red
Sheer Bliss	Cream White
Midas Touch	Yellow
Honor	White

### CLIMBER ROSES

Zepherine Drouhin	Pink
New Dawn	Pink
Iceberg	White
Golden Showers	Yellow
Climbing Peace	Yellow Pink
Don Juan	Red
America	Salmon Pink
Joseph Coat	Orange
Blaze Improved	Red
Eden	Pink

### LANDSCAPE ROSES

Carefree Wonder	Pink
Flower Carpet Pink	Pink
Carefree Delight	Rose
Flower Carpet	Yellow Orange
Royal Bonica	Pink
Scarlet Meidiland	Red
Knock Out	Red
Simplicity	Red, Pink, White
Sea Foam	Cream White
The Fairy	Pink
Living Easy	Yellow Orange
Sunsprite	Yellow
Lady Elsie May	Pink