

Rose Gardening 2024, Lakewood Garden Club
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Essentials for Growing Healthy Roses

- Provide at least six hours of sunlight a day
- Plant away from trees and the canopies of trees
- Provide for good air circulation
- Plant in raised beds
- Provide adequate moisture/irrigate responsibly
- Use a quality rose soil
- Buy quality plants from a reputable nursery
- Buy rose varieties that grow well in your area
- Use compost during bed preparation and as a soil amendment
- At planting time use expanded shale (one time soil amendment)
- Mulch spring and fall
- Fertilize monthly during the growing season – roses are heavy feeders
- Water before and after fertilizing
- Prune after February 14 for beautiful spring bloom
- Deadhead or groom during the growing season at the first five leaflet or seven leaflet
- Control pests – be environmentally responsible, Read the label carefully!
- Join the Houston Rose Society www.houstonrose.org
- Join the American Rose Society <https://www.rose.org>

Where to Buy Roses and Rose Supplies

- Antique Rose Emporium, 10000 FM 50, Brenham, TX
- The Arbor Gate, 15635 FM 2920 Rd. Tomball
- Plants for All Seasons, 21328 SH 249, Houston
- RCW Nursery, 15809 SH 249, Houston
- Southwest Fertilizer, 5828 Bissonnet St. Houston

American Rose Trials for Sustainability

- <http://www.americanrosetrialsforsustainability.org>
- Cfa Climate, Humid Subtropic

American Garden Rose Selections

- <https://www.americangardenroseselections.com>
- South Central zone

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