

Magic Garden Roses

Hello to all and welcome to our 12th newsletter on growing roses.

Exciting times are approaching as we head towards the pruning time of year. As we have said in the past - don't be tempted to start pruning in June as it is simply too early. We always prune our roses in the month of July or even August. We ship roses all over Australia so our customer base is very wide spread. We almost need different growing tips for roses for each state but at the end of the day, roses need a cut back at some point. It is good to bring them back to a fresh start. Keeping your roses in top health and giving them a fresh start in Spring is a must. Even though in July, most roses up north (especially along the coast) may have blooms - though you will need to make that date with the secateurs to get into the pruning. Followed up by a good feed and mulch - you can now look forward to a good flush in Spring. And won't it look great all neat and tidy!



There are a few things not to worry about and that is the rumors from other people saying that you must cut out crossing branches, cutting on an angle, cut to an outward facing bud and opening the centre. I don't know who started these silly rules. Opening up the centre is for pruning fruit trees and somebody brought that into the rose pruning which is totally wrong. If you did that, you would be removing some of the best water shoots which you really need to keep. So long as you cut all of the dead and old wood out then some of the thinner spindly branches you will be fine. Keeping the youngest new water shoots are the key in keeping even the oldest roses looking young and fresh. And always cut them back to around 40-50 cms. Prune standards the same but take a bit more which is leaving around 30-35cms.

Remember that roses are the most forgiving plant in your garden. You can make a lot of mistakes with roses and they will still look great. With a little bit of the right advice - they will even look better!

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Always remember to ask us for more information on these tips to. If you are experiencing problems ring us or e-mail us. We are there to help and we can even give free pruning lessons here at the farm. Just book a time and learn once and for all. Hands on is always the way if you can make the trip.

Currently we are dispatching orders everywhere and it has been overwhelming this year as opposed to the past 3 seasons. Feedback from customers is the rain falling up north and confidence has returned in people getting out in the gardens again. It changed peoples views on which plants have coped best in the worst drought conditions. We are happy to hear just how well the roses have stood up. Even in extreme areas the only thing that survived were the roses and in some cases the feedback was that the established roses have never looked better. This is because roses love the dry conditions. Once they are established, they need very little water and, if they had none at all - they may not look the best but they certainly will not die.

We are currently giving a `Newsletter special`. Only available to people who receive these newsletters! Any amount from 3 roses or more but only from the landscaping and climbing roses list. We are offering them at 25% off. We are also overstocked with the best quality 4ft standards that we have ever grown. We offering them at 25% off but only for orders taken until July the 7th. They can be dispatched at a later date if you wish.

For those of you that have orders in - we have just finished all the digging and we are just starting to make phone calls so you can expect one of us here to be calling you over the coming weeks.

Regards to all.
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