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Adding Color to Your Life

Planting bare root roses is very much like planting other bare root plants, so read Landon's handout for planting bare root trees and shrubs, but make these minor changes for Roses.

1. If you are planting a grafted variety such as a hybrid tea, find the **bud union (or graft union)**, and plant the rose so that the graft is 2-4" below ground level. This will help the grafted variety (as opposed to the root variety) survive freezing temperatures, and establish its own roots.
2. Roses grown on their own roots should be planted at the same depth they were growing at in the nursery before being dug. This includes most of the hardy shrub roses.
3. **Here is the tricky part....**For best transplant success of bare root roses one should "sweat" the plants to help their buds open. This can be done several ways. The object is to increase the humidity around the plant, which helps tight rose buds open. The following are three ways to sweat a rose. The sweating process takes from one to three weeks, depending on the rose variety.

1. Plant it as described above, and then cover it with hay, leaves, or burlap. Check it daily. When you can see 1/8-1/4" buds emerging from the stems, then uncover and water regularly.

2. Plant the rose in a container and put it in a small greenhouse structure. When you see 1/8-1/4" buds emerging, *and* the threat of a hard frost is past, you can plant it outside.

3. Lay the bare root plant down outside in a shady place, cover it up entirely with hay, leaves, burlap, or old rags, and keep it moist. Check it daily. When the buds are 1/8-1/4" long, plant it in your yard or garden.

Bud Union 4" depth

Planting the bud union to a 4" depth protects the union from freezing, and encourages the variety to form its own roots.

Standard Planting

Plant own-rooted roses at the same depth they were growing at in the nursery before being dug up.