



Betty's Bloomers Nursery

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Happy Valentines Day!



Let us help you with that special Valentines celebration with a live plant especially decorated for you. Wilma can dress a beautiful gift basket with a variety of plants in bloom or colorful foliage decorated with ribbons, hearts and stuffed animals. We can deliver locally. Please call ahead and place your order early.

What's in Season?

Our new stock of roses have arrived. Nothing rewards you with season long color like healthy rose bushes. Keeping roses in good condition may require a little more work than most plants, but for blooms almost year round it can be worth it. Some things to remember before deciding to make a rose bed are: location, soil type, access to water, & the size of the mature plants. Roses require at least 6 hours of direct sun (preferably morning sun), good fertile, well drained soil, plenty of growing room a good soaking with water and fertilizer on a regular schedule, and spraying for insects and diseases.

Knowing which varieties work best

in your situation is also important. Hybrid Tea Roses are long stem cutting roses. They prefer to be planted in a raised bed with at least 3 feet between each bush. Hybrid Tea roses will grow to about 5 or 6 feet tall. Pruning out old spent blooms helps to keep them in bloom

Florabunda Roses are shrub roses that can be placed in a rose bed or in a mixed flower bed with other types of plants or flowers. They generally make smaller and more compact bushes with clusters of blooms.

Antique Roses are old tried-and-true plants that our Grandmothers grew reliably without all the new chemicals and fertilizers we use today. Not only do they require less care, but they are available in a variety of sizes and colors for many uses.

To Do List:

If you haven't already done so, prune any dormant bushes or trees now before they leaf out in the Spring. Clean up dead or cold damaged foliage from perennials and deciduous bushes. With these warm days we are experiencing now, some plants will be fooled into sprouting early. Do not encourage them by fertilizing too soon because winter is probably not over yet. To prevent damage to tender new growth from a late freeze, you can cover your plants temporarily with a sheet or blanket, or wash off any frost from the leaves

before the sun hits it in the morning. This allows the plants to warm up gradually with less damage to the new growth.

Get a head start on a beautiful lawn by spraying winter weeds in the lawn now with a weed killer formulated for the type of grass you have.

Azaleas and other spring blooming shrubs will be showing color soon. Buying them now will ensure you choose the color you want. Also, planting now will allow the plants to get established in the new ground before the stress of Summer arrives.

Something Extra

Spray fruit trees with Dormant Oil Spray before the weather gets warm to control a wide variety of insects before they become a problem. Dormant Oil is very effective in controlling scale, mites, whiteflies, and caterpillars before they hatch. Follow label directions and spray the trees or shrubs thoroughly including the ground under the tree or bush.

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Happy Gardening!