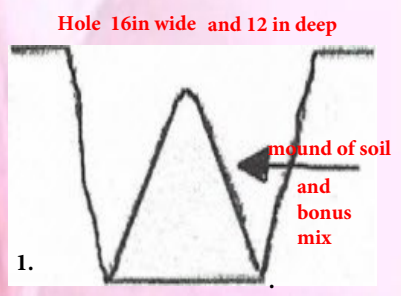


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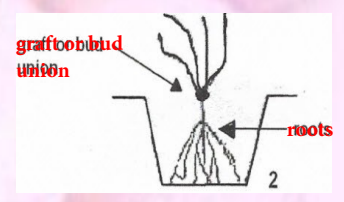
## Planting a bare root

Step 1 . Soak the roots for at least 2 hours in a pail of water. If the bush is dry, soak the whole plant over night. Keep the roots in water until ready to plant. Trim roots that are broken, and also to promote feeder root growth.

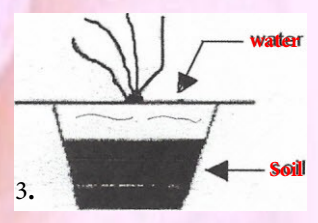
Step 2 .(figure 1) Dig a hole deep and wide enough to spread the roots out over the soil and bonus mix mounded up in the bottom of the hole. The bonus mix is: 2 shovels of Peat Moss, 1 cup Dolomite lime, 1 cup Super Phosphate, and 3 cups alfalfa pellets. Never use nitro-gen on a newly planted bush. It will bum the roots. The mound of combined soil and bonus mix should be high enough to put the bud union just above the ground level.



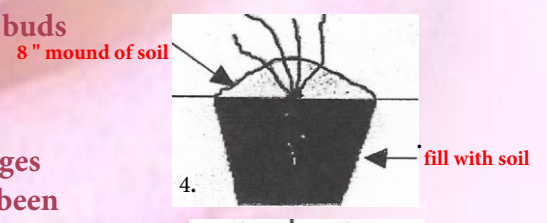
Step 3 (figure 2) Set the rose bush on the soil mound with the roots spread in all directions, and the bud union slightly above ground level after the soil has settled. Exceptionally long roots should be cut to the desired length. Do not wrap the roots around the mound. A handy trick is to lay a stick across the hole to gauge the plant's depth.



Step 4 (figure 3) Gently fill soil in around the root system while holding the plant upright until the hole is 2/3 full. Gently fill the hole with water and let it soak in before filling in the rest of the soil. Once the water has soaked in, finish filling in the soil around the bush. Firm it with your hand, not your foot.



Step 5 (figure 4) Hill the soil, or a mulching material such as compost, up around the canes to a height of 8 or more inches. More bushes die from drying out than from poor planting procedures. Hilling protects the canes until the roots become established and can supply the moisture. Leave the soil mound in place until buds begin to swell. This applies to bushes planted in either the fall or spring.



Step 6 (figure 5) When removing the mound, first pull away the outer edges being careful not to touch the canes. Once the outside of the mound has been removed, wash the rest away with a gentle stream of water. It's a good idea to make a shallow dish around the bud union to hold water when watering.

