

New Rose Planting Instructions Richmond Rose Garden 4/08/2016

- 1. Put about 1/3 of a bag of organic material (Holy Cow) into the bottom of the hole.
- 2. Remove the rose plant and planting medium from the pot. Set the pot aside for recycling.
- 3. Lower the plant into the hole and adjust the amount of organic material, so that the crown of the plant is at ground level.
- 4. Backfill around the plant using the blackest part of the soil removed from the hole. This is the most organic part of the soil and is best for the plant.
- 5. Vigorously tamp the soil around the base of the plant. Use your foot if necessary to achieve the necessary firmness.
- 6. <u>Soak</u> the base of the plant with water. (Avoid watering the leaves as that would promote fungus growth.)
- 7. Fertilize the rose with about 2-4 fl. ounces of granular fertilizer, around the dripline of the plant.
- 8. Replace mulch around the plant to within 4-6 inches of the crown.
- 9. Continue to heavily water the base of the plant weekly for the next 4-6 weeks depending on the amount of rain received. This is about the length of time required for the plant root system to get established.