

GROWING ROSES IN THE DESERT – QUICK REFERENCE

NMSU ROSES GUIDELINES: https://aces.nmsu.edu/pubs/_h/H165/welcome.html (free)

American Rose Society: WWW.ROSE.ORG Copy of Rose Selection Guide (\$10)

Companion Planting:

Guidelines:

Plant companions at least one foot away from the roses

Maintain excellent air circulation

All act as living mulch – suppress weeds & lightly shade the soil

Looks good with roses: Lavender (Lavandula); Catmint (Nepeta); Pinks (Dianthus)

Likes the same conditions as roses: Heliotropes Summer Snapdragons (Angelonia), Lantana, Verbena, Million Bells Petunia (Calibrachoa)

Companions that discourage pests: Garlic, chives, ornamental alliums - also increase perfume of roses; Scented Geraniums, Rue, Feverfew, Parsley, Thyme, Marigold, Culinary sage, Agastache, Russian Sage, Lavender, Yarrow, Oregano, Catmint

Plant bareroot roses – late February through May

Plant container roses – year round

Prune roses - Mid March though Mid April is optimal