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## IF-11: Types of Roses

### HYBRID TEA ROSES

This is the most popular group of roses today. They are 3-5' tall and 3-4' wide upright plants that produce one large flower at the end of each stem at regular intervals of 35 to 45 days. Deadhead by cutting the flower back to the nearest five-leaflet leaf making sure the stem is at least the size of a pencil, this induces the next flowering cycle. After removing dead, damaged and crossing canes in the spring, prune the remaining canes to 12 to 18 inches tall. Since they are upright plants they can occasionally have a leggy appearance, they are well-suited for companion plants so that your garden will have eye-catching appeal from spring to a hard frost.

Recommended companion plants for northern Nevada (USDA 5-7) and Lake Tahoe (USDA 4-5).

#### Spring

Dianthus: zones 3-8  
Daffodils: zones 3-8  
Grape Hyacinth: zones 4-8  
Iris: zones 4-8  
Pansy: annual  
Peony: zones 3-8  
Snowdrops: zones 4-8  
Tulip: zones 4-8

#### Summer

Catmint: zones 3-8  
Clematis: zones 4-9  
Columbine: zones 3-9  
Euphorbia: zones 4-9  
English Lavender: zones 5-8  
Lady's Mantle: zones 4-7  
Lamb's-Ear: zones 4-8  
Larkspur: annual  
Salvia (*Salvia sylvestris*): zones 5-9  
Alliums: zones 4-10 (also deter pests)  
Wormwood (*Artemisia*): zones 4-9

#### Fall

Chrysanthemum: zones 4-9  
Verbena: annual  
Hybrid Anemone: zones 4-8  
New England Asters: zones 4-8  
Stonecrop (*Sedum spectabile*):  
zones 4-8

### GRANDIFLORAS

These are tall, strong plants, exhibiting the best traits of their parents --the classic flower form of the hybrid tea and the continuously flowering clusters of the floribunda. These roses are 4 to 6 feet tall and have one long stem that erupts into an entire bouquet of large roses. They are disease resistant, cold hardy and widely used as hedges and screens. They can also become leggy because of their size so they can benefit from companion planting, too.

### FLORIBUNDAS

These profusely blooming roses require little care, being hardier and more disease resistant than hybrid teas. They have a compact grow habit, about 2 to 4 feet tall, with smaller flowers than the hybrid tea. The flowers occur in clusters and are single, semi-double, or double and are ideal for a mass display of color in hedging or edging. They are the perfect rose for planting in pots for long lasting color. Floribundas are also a great companion plant for hybrid teas because of their compact size and continuously blooming habit.

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## **CLIMBING ROSES**

These can have large or clustering flowers with canes that can reach 6 to 20 feet. They bloom in the summer with a repeat in the fall or all season long. Their canes must be trained to climb when young by using supports. Prune dead, damaged and misshapen canes in the spring but wait until after the plants first blooms fade to do any major pruning because climbers bloom on last year's growth. Climbers make outstanding accents meandering over arbors and trellises; they also can hide unsightly fences and utilities. They are good candidates for companion planting. A clematis wandering through a climbing rose is a beautiful sight to behold and is the newest rage in companion plants for climbers.

## **SHRUB ROSES**

Shrub roses are the ideal landscape rose. They come in different sizes and flower forms but they all have these characteristics: vigor, repeat blooming cycle, disease resistance, and low maintenance. This group also includes the David Austin English roses that have the petal-packed flowers with lush fragrance and the Bailey's Easy Elegance Roses.

## **POLYANTHAS**

These are compact, rounded plants with small flowers, typically used as ground covers, as edging along a border and are good in containers. They are repeat bloomers and they can withstand heat better than most roses. Prune them in the early spring to about half their size.

## **MINIATURES**

These are dwarf plants with foliage and flowers in proportion to their size. They also come in a wide variety of growth habits and flower forms; they are available in an assortment of colors and bi-colors. These petite roses are ideal for containers, hanging baskets, windowsills and as an edging plant. They are very hardy and are profuse bloomers that are relatively carefree.

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