



# Rugosa Rose

*Rosa rugosa*

Rose Family (Rosaceae Family)

Zones: 2-8

Full Sun

Moderate Water

Location: Various Cultivars in Floral Walk, Four Seasons, Herb Garden, and Medicinal Garden

Looking for a rose that is insect and disease free with fragrant flowers, colorful rose hips and doesn't require frequent pruning? Look no further! There are many roses available which do not need the intensive labor required by hybrid teas, and they will even bloom spectacularly regardless of the level of care you provide. This group is collectively called the shrub roses, one member of which is *Rosa rugosa*. Rugosa roses are pH adaptable and extremely hardy in the cold. They also tolerate salty and dry soils that are typical in Utah.

Since Rugosa roses rarely have a problem with insects and diseases, the small, dark green, glossy leaves are attractive even without flowers! The flowers come in a variety of colors from rose-purple to pinks, from creams to whites, and they bloom periodically throughout the summer. Best of all, the flowers are fragrant! In the fall, the colorful rose hips look spectacular against the dark green foliage and then they persist into winter, adding interest and intrigue to the garden. Rose hips are also edible and high in vitamin C. They are tasty in teas or simply fresh from the plant.

The fall colors vary depending on the variety and can range from yellows to oranges and reds. Rugosa roses do require a little more space than hybrid teas. They typically grow about 4 - 6' high and wide, however, the exact size depends on the variety. They require full sun for the best bloom and despite their ability to tolerate dry soils, they do need a small amount of water. If you're looking for something other than the typical rose, or want to try something different, you might consider Rugosa roses. They are truly low-maintenance and quite beautiful!