

Variety of Fruit Trees Ready for Planting

There's still time in these early Spring days to plant bare root roses and fruit trees, says the California Association of Nurserymen.

In choosing rose plants you'll find there's still a complete selection of all rose types — climbing, bush, tree, floribunda and grandiflora — at your local nursery. Choose according to the areas you wish to plant. Climbing roses are ideal, of course, for arbors, pergolas, trellises and walls. Pillar Roses, next in height to the climber, make fine background plantings and hide unattractive areas, and the tree or standard roses are perfect for lining an entrance or driveway. Floribundas with

their low bushy habit of growth form beautiful and practical hedges and covers for utility-lan-looking fences. To furnish flowers for beautiful indoor bouquets as well as attractive outdoor flowering shrubs the hybrid teas and the new grandifloras can't be beat.

Deciduous Fruit Trees
Deciduous fruit trees of all varieties can be planted in your garden now and with the proper care will be providing your family with delicious table and canning fruits in a few years. The most important factor in choosing varieties for your garden is climate.

Above all, select varieties you know will grow in your locale.

Ask your nurseryman for help in this choice. Do not plant your favorite fruit-stand peach, for instance, without being certain the particular variety will bear well in your garden. Choose variety according to climate — this cannot be over-emphasized.

California gardeners are indeed lucky for all the favorite fruits and nuts are grown successfully in this state. The almond, apple, apricot, crabapple, fig, filbert, nectarine, peach, pear, pecan, persimmon, plum, pomegranate, quince, sour cherry, sweet cherry, walnut — are successfully home grown throughout the state.

Tree Selection
Before making your rose selections, make sure each plant is fully dormant. In selecting trees look for a good healthy tree not necessarily large because bigness doesn't always determine eventual performance. Smaller trees are easier to transplant and become established more quickly.

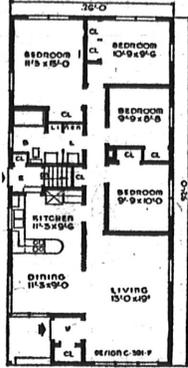
Plant both roses and fruit trees in good, fertile soil in a hole large enough to allow roots to spread naturally without cramping. It's a good idea to prepare a mound at the bottom of the hole to set the plants on, setting them in at the same level as they were at the nursery, as indicated by the soil ring about the roots. Fill in and firm the soil around the roots and soak to settle the soil when the hole is 3/4 full.

After the water drains away fill up with loose top soil and water again.

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There is a full basement with a grade entry on the side and the first floor consists of a living room, dining room, kitchen, bath and four bedrooms.

The dining room can be closed off from the living room by means of a folding door. The bathroom has two lavatories, a recessed tub and towel cabinets.

Other features range from the coat closets at each entrance, linen cabinet and wardrobe closets to the covered front stoop.

The exterior finish is wide siding, asphalt shingles, wide eave overhang and hip roof. The floor area is 1303 square feet, and cubage is 24,431 cubic feet.

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During these early Spring days, the Rhododendron begins to dominate the garden scene as tall shrubs, dwarfs, hedges and hillside cover. In any of its many shapes and sizes, there is no better time than now to begin to plant these beautiful flowers says the California Association of Nurserymen.

Which of the many varieties you plant and how you plant them will depend, of course, on your garden situation. If your grounds are large, you may wish to plant several of the shrubs of a single color or perhaps blend several colors in a pocket or dell of the lawn. For rolling or sloping lawns, group several Rhododendrons as a hillside cover.

For the smaller home and garden, select medium sized Rhododendrons and use them as shrubs or container subjects. For big lawns, an unforgettable sight is a mass of vari-colored Rhododendrons beneath a grove of high arching trees.

Simple Plantings
Perhaps, Rhododendrons are most often planted in simple flower beds or along garden or lawn areas. Regardless, it provides beautiful spring blooms in addition to interesting foliage color and patterns. Plant Rhododendrons in an area suitable for Azaleas and Camellias.

If there's a question about the suitability of soil for Rhododendrons, it is a good idea to plant in peat moss or in a mixture of peat moss and sharp sand. Particularly in the hot interior val-

leys of the state, where weather was formerly considered hot and too dry, the pure peat planting soil has proven successful.

To assure proper drainage, dig the planting hole twice the width and depth of the plant's container or soil ball. If you feel the drainage will not be adequate plant your Rhododendrons in raised beds. Depending on the location and the weather, water once a week or more often slowly soaking to moisten the entire root area. Fertilize when needed with a complete acid fertilizer.

Many Varieties
There are many varieties, hybrids, bloom shapes, colors and plant types of this flower. In choosing the best thing to do is to visit your local nurseryman and inspect his supply. Among the favorites is the lovely Pink Pearl, the red Unknown Warrior, the pink Betty Wormald and Cottage Gardens' Pride. You'll also find many more Rhododendron varieties in yellow, yellow-orange, white, blue and lavender as well as the various shades of red and pink.

Truly, the Rhododendron is a gardening opportunity no California gardener should overlook. Make a point to visit your local nurseryman soon and pick out several Rhododendron plants for immediate planting. Be sure to ask him about the proper exposure for these choice plants. Rhododendrons may not be available in many Southern California nurseries.

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