



Lilacs

SOIL CARE, FERTILIZING, AND PRUNING

SOIL CARE

- Avoid nitrogen rich soils (not recommended near lawns, will encourage green growth and fewer blooms)
- Prefers well drained soil near a neutral pH 7.0, if soil is in poor condition, planting mix, compost is recommended

FERTILIZER

- E.B. Stone rose & flower food
- Bonide Copper Fungicide Fertilizer – helps control powdery mildew, downy mildew, black spot, and other diseases
- Osmocote Flower and Vegetable 14-14-14

PRUNING

- Prune right after they finish flowering – within 2 weeks, this is important because they will set buds for next years flowers right after this year's flowers fade
- Start by pruning off spent flowers/seed heads – this will preserve energy in the plant and will encourage new growth
- Take out taller branches that are only flowering on the top (only take out 1/3 of these in any given year)
- The goal is to have a large shrub that flowers from top to bottom, not a small tree, shaping and pruning branches around the base will encourage new growth and lower blooms as well
- Ideal height – 6 to 8 feet

