



OVERWINTERING HYDRANGEAS AND ROSES IN CONTAINERS

If you had a plant in a decorative pot and want to try overwintering it without planting it in the ground, here are a few suggestions:

Hydrangeas:

- 1.) If you kept the plant in the nursery pot, you may remove the pot from the decorative container, otherwise leave it in container.
- 2.) Cut the plant back to about 15 inches.
- 3.) If possible, put a couple boards on the floor to get the plant off the concrete floor.
- 4.) Put the plant in the warmest corner of an unheated garage (or breezeway).
- 5.) Put some mulch around the crown. Some people wrap plant in a rug or blanket, but make sure it gets air.
- 6.) Water it, and thereafter water it once a month until you bring plant back outside in spring. Do not let plant dry out but do not soak it either.
- 7.) In spring, once weather has warmed up and when danger of a frost is past, put plant outside in filtered sun. It should now be budded or budding out.

Roses:

Repeat steps 1 through 6 as above. Some people put their roses in big black trash bags. If you do this, do not tie the bag as the plant needs air.

- 7.) In spring, when danger of a *hard* frost is past, or usually about the time forsythias start blooming, put the rose outside and cut it back to about 6 inches. If it had started growing inside, remove that growth as it will become spindly.

Note: We do not warranty plants that have not been planted in the ground.

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