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And right now is the best time of the year for transplanting in most parts of the country. It is extremely important to transplant after the first heavy frost (usually October - November) when you are certain the plant is dormant.

In mild areas such as Southern California or Florida frosts do not normally occur and plants do not defoliate completely. In these areas strip all the leaves off first and transplant in late December or early January.

First, prune the bush back to about two feet -- give or take a few inches, depending on how large a grower the

plant is. Climbing roses should receive their usual fall pruning.

Have the soil moist, but not muddy, around the plant before digging it up. And have the new hole ready so the plant's time out of the ground will be minimal.

After transplanting, tramp

the soil down snugly around the plant -- and don't spare the water.

To ensure proper soil compacting around the roots, water the rose several times in its new home.

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