

Select your rosebushes carefully, examining each plant to be sure the wood is not dry and shriveled. Plants should be well-shaped, with no deformed growths or discolorations on the cones or roots. Bark on the canes should be firm, plump and green, and the plant's root system should be sturdy and fibrous, with several well-branched roots.

IT MAY BE a job to water, feed and protect your roses from insects but the results are well worth it. A rose is a heavy user of nutrients, and regular applications of fertilizer are required for optimum growth. The rate, frequency, and kind of fertilizer you use depends on the type of soil you're planning in.

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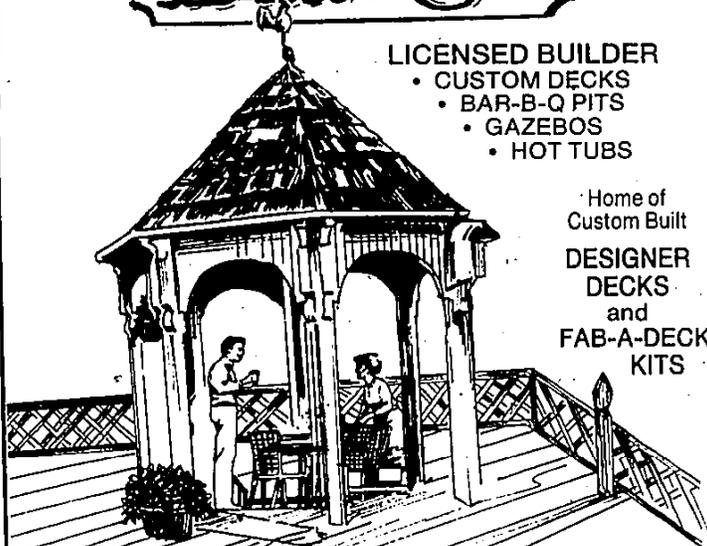
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