

A close-up photograph of several vibrant pink roses in full bloom, with green leaves visible in the background. The roses are the central focus of the image, with some in sharp focus and others slightly blurred.

FBMG Help Desk Question of the Week

I would like to plant Peggy Martin Roses in my yard. I have a space on my fence that is 5 feet wide should I plant 1 or 2 rose bushes?

Let's take a look...

History of the Peggy Martin Rose

This rose has become a symbol of the spirit of perseverance

This rose is named after Peggy Martin, a true southern gardener who lives in Louisiana. The story of how she cultivated this hardy thornless rose is one that will be near to the hearts of anyone who loves gardening and has experienced the ravages of a hurricane.

Surviving Hurricane Katrina

- *The original cutting that became the Peggy Martin rose was handed down to Peggy through several generations of family members in Louisiana.*
- *Peggy had grown her specimen in her Plaquemines Parish garden for a few years when Hurricane Katrina devastated the area.*
- *After returning to her home - she was thrilled and surprised to find that her rose had withstood being under 20 ft of salt water for over two weeks straight.*
- *This rose has since become the symbol of perseverance.*



A Beautiful Rose

A Favorite of Gardeners

A wonderful rose to cut and enjoy indoors in a vase!



- **a multi-stemmed rose that loses its leaves in the winter months**
- **has deep pink fragrant clusters of flowers**
- **is more of a trailer than a climber and needs to be trained and supported to sprawl along a trellis or a fence**
- **rewards the gardeners with showy flowers in springtime and once established, another show in the fall with both periods sometimes lasting for several weeks**
- **happy in the ground or in containers**

Gardener Friendly
Relatively Easy to Care For!

Disease and Pest Resistant

Does well in Containers and in the Landscape

Dead Heading not Necessary



- *Does well in many zones from 4-10*
 - *Disease and Pests are a lesser issue than other roses*
 - *Prefers well drained soil*
 - *Has a spread 6' X15' more or less*
 - *Needs support of trellis or fence*
 - *Full sun preferably morning helps with growth and blooming*
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- *Drip irrigation at the base of the plant is preferred*
 - *Mulch around the plant for moisture retention and control of weeds*
 - *Fertilizer may be applied spring and fall*

Propagating the Peggy Martin Rose

If you are lucky enough to have a friend willing to ‘pass-along’ this rose, here is how to achieve success

- *Choose your stem cuttings:*
 - *Best to take stem cuttings in early summer when the plant is producing new growth*
 - *Choose healthy stems about 6 inches long with two sets of leaves on each branch node*
 - *Cut the stem at an angle just below a leaf node*
- *Remove lower leaves and stick the stem into a potting mix composed of 50% fine pine bark, 10% sand and 40% perlite.*



- *Be sure to moisten the potting mix well before inserting the cutting*
- *You can use a rooting hormone to improve rooting success - be sure to follow label directions*
- *Moisten your new cuttings leaves and surrounding soil with a spray bottle - be sure not to over water*
- *Place cuttings in indirect sunlight for 2-3 weeks*
- *Once good signs of root development appear, you can transplant to larger container or outside in well draining soil*
- *Enjoy your “symbol of perseverance” for years to come*

***Do you have questions about
your home landscape and
plants?***

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