

Summer Rose Care Hints

1. Roses need about 5 gallons of water per week. If it is really hot they may need to be watered more often. Roses in pots may need more water and best in the early morning or evening.

2. Dead -Heading is important and spent blooms are usually cut above the fifth leaflet. It is a good practice to clean pruners after working on roses.

3. Fertilizing will help your roses. This should be done after the first flush, in early July and again in mid August. The following are products to try and can be found at most local nurseries.

a. Miracle Gro

b. Dyna Gro Bloom 3-12-6

c. Dyna Gro Plant Food 7-9-5

4. Spraying will help in the control of most rose diseases. A good rule is to spray every 2 weeks or when needed. The following are products which may be used and found locally. Adding Dawn dish soap to the mix will help it stick to the plant.

a. Immunox

b. Fertilome

c. Bayer Disease Control

d. Dyna Gro Pro Tex

e. Copper Fungicide (organic)

f. Serenade (organic)

g. Neem Oil (organic)

h. Bayer 3&1 (great for a small garden)

5. To help control insects try the following: Bayer insect Control for Midge. Use high pressure water spray under the leaves for Spider Mites.

6. Most important..... Keep it simple, enjoy your roses and have a great summer.