

Rose Maintenance Guide

This rose care program, used at Smith-Gilbert Gardens, has been successful in growing healthy roses.

SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

January

Obtain soil test. Add Dolomitic Lime if indicated; ideal pH is 6.5.

February

Prune roses that repeat bloom throughout the growing season during last week in February.

March

Prune roses that repeat bloom throughout the growing season until March 15th.
Remove diseased foliage from bed; spray canes, soil and mulch with Daconil.
Fertilize with an organic fertilizer, such as E. B. Stone Rose and Flower Food.

April

Spray Daconil and Immunox every other week.
Fertilize with Epsom Salts and Nitrate of Soda.
Apply Bayer Advanced Tree/Shrub Insect Control.

May

Deadhead and remove diseased leaves.
Spray Pentathlon and Honor Guard every other week.
Fertilize with Epsom Salts.
Spray EMPLOY.

June

Prune one time blooming roses after bloom.
Deadhead and remove diseased leaves.
Spray Pentathlon and Funginex every other week.
Fertilize with E.B. Stone Rose and Flower Food and Epsom Salts.
Spray EMPLOY.

July

Deadhead and remove diseased leaves.
Spray Pentathlon and Honor Guard every other week.
Fertilize with Epsom Salts.
Spray EMPLOY.

August

Deadhead and remove diseased leaves.
Spray Pentathlon and Cleary's 3336 every other week.
Fertilize with E.B. Stone Rose and Flower Food and Epsom Salts.
Spray EMPLOY

September

Deadhead and remove diseased leaves.
Spray Pentathlon and Honor Guard every other week.
Fertilize with Miracle-Gro for Roses every other week.
Spray EMPLOY.

October

Remove diseased leaves.
Spray Pentathlon and Immunox every other week.

November

Remove diseased leaves.
Spray Lime Sulfur every other week.
Leave rose hips on plants.

December

Secure canes to supports and cut back very long canes.
Broadcast ½ cup wood ashes per plant.
Spray dormant oil (Volck)
Mound wood mulch over bushes (12–18 inches) after two hard frosts (28 degrees).

Fungicide Directions (Spray canes, top and bottom of leaves)

Daconil: 1 tablespoon per gallon of water.
Honor Guard: 1/2 teaspoon per gallon of water
Pentathlon: 1 tablespoon per gallon of water
Immunox: 2 tablespoons per gallon of water
Funginex: 1 tablespoon per gallon of water
Indicate 5: ½ tbs. per gallon
Lime Sulfur: 8 tablespoons per gallon of water.
Volck Dormant Oil: 10 tablespoons per gallon of water.

Insecticide Directions

Bayer Advanced Tree and Shrub Insect Control 12 month concentrate (imidacloprid): 3 oz. per gallon of water per rose bush poured under canopy.

Fertilizing Directions

E. B. Stone Rose and Flower Food: 1 1/2 cup per rose. Broadcast 6 inches out from main canes.
Nitrate of Soda (16-0-0): 1 tablespoon per rose. Broadcast 6 inches out from main canes.
Epsom Salts: Use 1 tablespoon per rose. Broadcast 6 inches out from main canes.

EMPLOY is a harpin protein that improves plant's natural defenses, stimulates growth and flowering.

Watering

Water each rose 4 gallons per week from April through November. Drip or soaker hose is preferred.

Carefully follow the manufacturer's instructions on the label for all pesticides. Trade and brand names are used only for information. The Cooperative Extension, The University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences does not guarantee or warrant the standard of any product mentioned; neither does the use of a trade or brand name imply approval of any product to the exclusion of others which also may be suitable.

Additional information about rose culture – selection, planting, pruning, etc. is available from the Cobb County Extension: Call 770-528-4070.

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