

# EASY ROSE CARE CALENDAR

## The Minimalist Approach for Southern California

For Those Who Only Have Time to Do the Bare Minimum Necessary  
For Their Roses to Survive and Grow Satisfactorily

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<b>JANUARY</b>	Prune back rose bushes about 1/2 in height. Remove all foliage. Spray with a dormant spray when finished pruning. Clean up all rose debris (leaves, petals) and discard in trash. Plant new bareroot roses. Water roses if no rain.
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	Apply mulch around each bush. Apply Preen granules (on top of mulch) to prevent weeds. Water roses as needed.
<b>MARCH</b>	1st Week: Apply 90-day slow-release fertilizer, NPK 14-14-14. If no rain, water roses as needed. 3rd Week: Spray fungicide to prevent mildew.
<b>APRIL</b>	Apply insecticide IF needed for aphids or other bugs. Wash down foliage twice a week to prevent spider mites, prevent mildew, wash off aphids. Keep roses watered as needed; don't let them dry out.
<b>MAY</b>	Keep roses watered well throughout the month. Remove spent blooms to encourage new blooms. Make sure automatic sprinklers are working and set properly.
<b>JUNE</b>	Apply mulch around each bush. Apply Preen granules (on top of mulch) to prevent weeds. Keep roses watered well throughout the month. Apply 90-day slow-release fertilizer granules, NPK 14-14-14. Wash down foliage twice a week to prevent spider mites, prevent mildew, wash off aphids.
<b>JULY</b>	Keep roses watered well throughout the month, potted roses watered daily if necessary. (Depending on water restrictions in your area.) Wash down foliage twice a week to prevent spider mites, prevent mildew, wash off aphids.
<b>AUGUST</b>	Keep roses watered well throughout the month, potted roses daily if necessary. (Depending on water restrictions in your area.) Wash down foliage twice a week to prevent spider mites, prevent mildew, wash off aphids.
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	1st Week: Trim off spent blooms to encourage fall blooming. Apply 90-day slow-release fertilizer granules, NPK 14-14-14. Keep roses watered as needed.
<b>OCTOBER</b>	Spray fungicide to prevent mildew, the 1st week of month. Spray insecticide IF needed. Keep roses watered as needed.
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	If no rain, water roses twice a week, or as needed.
<b>DECEMBER</b>	Plan for new rose purchases.

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