

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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JANUARY	Prune rose bushes about 1/2 in height. Remove all foliage. Spray with a dormant spray when finished pruning. Clean up all rose debris (foliage, petals) and discard in trash. Plant new bareroot roses. Water roses if no rain.
FEBRUARY	Apply mulch around each bush. Apply Preen granules (on top of mulch) to prevent weeds. Water roses as needed.
MARCH	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.
APRIL	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.
MAY	Keep roses watered well throughout the month. Remove spent blooms to encourage new blooms. Make sure automatic sprinklers are working and set properly.
JUNE	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.
JULY	Keep roses watered well throughout the month, potted roses watered daily if necessary. Lightly trim spent blooms, but don't trim off foliage. Wash down foliage twice a week to prevent spider mites, prevent mildew, wash off aphids.
AUGUST	Keep roses watered throughout the month; water potted roses daily if necessary. Wash foliage twice a week to prevent spider mites, prevent mildew, wash off aphids.
SEPTEMBER	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.
OCTOBER	1st Week: Spray fungicide to prevent mildew. Spray insecticide IF needed. Keep roses watered as needed.
NOVEMBER	If no rain, water roses twice a week, or as needed.
DECEMBER	Plan for new rose purchases.

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