

IMPROVED! 2018 EXHIBITOR'S ROSE CARE CALENDAR

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<p>JANUARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: <u>Buy & Plant</u> bareroot roses. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Start Pruning</u> roses; <u>plant</u> bareroot and mound new plants. Apply kelp & fish meals in hole. Propagate rose cuttings. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Dormant spray</u> all pruned rose bushes. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 4: <u>Mulch</u> heavily with <i>Gromulch</i>, compost or aged horse manure. <p>Complete all pruning and bareroot planting by end-January.</p>	<p>FEBRUARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: <u>Buy</u> potted mini roses online. Finish mulching. <u>Apply Preen</u> to prevent weeds. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Apply</u> 1 cup of alfalfa pellets per bush (1/2 cup for minis). <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Feed</u> Granular rose food. 1/4 cup per bush, 1 TB per mini. <u>Apply</u> snail bait if needed. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 4: <u>Feed</u> Fish Fertilizer 5-1-1, kelp, Epsom salts, and <i>SuperThrive</i> Repot root-bound potted roses. 	<p>MARCH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: <u>Feed</u> Soluble 8-10-8 or similar. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Feed</u> Fish Fertilizer 5-1-1. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Feed</u> 90-day Slow Release Fertilizer such as <i>Osmocote</i>. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 4: <u>Feed</u> Fish, iron chelate, zinc, epsom salt, kelp, <i>SuperThrive</i>. <p>Disbud side buds daily on blooms. Spray IF needed to prevent mildew. Spray IF needed to kill insects. Buy potted roses at local nurseries.</p>
<p>APRIL Peak Spring Show Season!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: <u>Feed</u> Soluble 8-10-8 or similar. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Feed</u> Fish Fertilizer 5-1-1. <u>Spray</u> for spider mites. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Feed</u> Soluble 8-10-8. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 4: <u>Feed</u> Fish, iron chelate, zinc, epsom salt, kelp, <i>SuperThrive</i>. <p>Disbud & deadhead daily. Spray IF needed to prevent mildew. Spray IF needed to kill insects. Buy potted roses at local nurseries.</p>	<p>MAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: <u>Feed</u> Soluble 8-10-8 or similar. <u>Spray</u> for spider mites <i>if needed</i>. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Feed</u> Fish Fertilizer 5-1-1. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Feed</u> Soluble 8-10-8 or similar. <u>Spray</u> for spider mites <i>if needed</i>. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 4: <u>Feed</u> Fish, iron chelate, zinc, epsom salt, kelp, <i>SuperThrive</i>. <u>Apply Preen</u> to prevent weeds. <p>Water roses. Disbud & deadhead daily. Spray if needed to prevent mildew/insects.</p>	<p>JUNE 2nd Cycle Show Season!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: <u>Feed</u> Soluble 8-10-8 or similar. <u>Spray</u> for spider mites <i>if needed</i>. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Feed</u> Fish Fertilizer 5-1-1. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Spray</u> for spider mites <i>if needed</i>. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 4: <u>Feed</u> Fish, iron chelate, zinc, epsom salt, kelp, <i>SuperThrive</i>. <p>Water, water, water! Experiment with hybridizing & budding. Use Water Wand daily for spider mites. Remove spent blooms but not foliage.</p>
<p>JULY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: <u>Feed</u> 90-day Slow Release fertilizer such as <i>Osmocote</i>. <u>Spray</u> for spider mites <i>if needed</i>. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Feed</u> 1/4 cup kelp meal.* <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Feed</u> Fish Fertilizer + iron. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 4: <u>Apply</u> 1/4 cup dry organics.* <p>*<i>Combo organic meals recommended.</i></p> <p>Wash rose bushes with Water Wand daily. Water plants well! Remove spent blooms but not foliage.</p>	<p>AUGUST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: <u>Spray</u> for spider mites <i>if needed</i>. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Apply</u> 1 cup alfalfa pellets per bush (1/2 cup for minis). <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Spray</u> for spider mites <i>if needed</i>. <u>Apply Preen</u> to prevent weeds. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 4: <u>Feed</u> Fish, Epsom salts, kelp, <i>SuperThrive</i> & apply <i>Gromulch</i>. <p>Wash rose bushes with Water Wand daily for spider mites. Water, water, water!</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: Trim 1/3 off of rose bushes for fall blooms; pick up debris. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Feed</u> Fish Fertilizer. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Feed</u> Soluble 8-10-8 or similar. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 4: <u>Feed</u> Fish, iron chelate, zinc, epsom salt, kelp, <i>SuperThrive</i>. <u>Apply</u> snail bait if needed. <p>Water roses. Disbud & deadhead daily. Spray as needed to prevent mildew. Spray as needed to kill insects.</p>
<p>OCTOBER Fall Rose Shows!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: <u>Feed</u> Soluble 8-10-8 or similar. <u>Spray</u> for spider mites <i>if needed</i>. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Feed</u> Fish Fertilizer 5-1-1. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Feed</u> Soluble 8-10-8 or similar. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 4: <u>Feed</u> Fish, iron chelate, zinc, epsom salt, kelp, <i>SuperThrive</i>. <p>Water roses. Disbud & deadhead daily. Spray as needed to prevent mildew. Spray as needed to kill insects.</p>	<p>NOVEMBER Fall Rose Shows!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: Santa Clarita Rose Show Keep roses watered if no rain. Decide which roses to buy. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Perform soil test</u> to determine pH level; <u>apply</u> lime or sulfur, if needed. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Order bareroot roses online.</u> Repot root-bound potted roses. Dig out sick/old/tired roses. 	<p>DECEMBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: Finish planning which roses to buy, and which roses to discard. Dig out sick/old/tired roses. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Pay</u> Santa Clarita Rose Society renewal membership dues. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Repot</u> root-bound potted roses. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 4: <u>Enjoy</u> the holidays! <p>NOTE: If any month has a 5th week, it may be used as a rest period. ☺</p>

Suggested formulas PER GALLON of water:

- 1 tsp Powder: GrowMore Iron or Zinc
- 1 TB Soluble: GrowMore or other brands
- 1 TB Liquid: Fish fertilizer
- 1 tsp Liquid: Kelp
- 1/4 tsp Liquid: SuperThrive

Liquid or dry application PER LABEL:

- 1/4 cup Dry Granular rose food; Epsom Salts; kelp
- 1 cup: Alfalfa pellets without additives

Per label: Gardner & Bloome; Kellogg's; Osmocote; Preen

Per label: *Spinosa*; *Imidacloprid*; Bayer Advanced

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- Read the labels carefully
- Use only as label directed
- Measure correctly
- Wear protective clothing
- Wear mask & gloves
- Clean up after use
- Don't spray when windy
- **Store & lock chemicals away from pets & kids**

MEASURES

- 1 TB = 3 tsp
- 1 oz = 2 TB
- 1 cup = 8 oz
- 1 cup = 16 TB
- 1 qt = 32 oz
- 1 qt = 64 TB

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READ & FOLLOW PRODUCT LABELS CAREFULLY!