

## Caring for Roses

Hot days and humid nights can take their toll on your delicate roses. Here are some ways to help these beauties through this stressful time of year.

Step 1: Water weekly below the leaves and remove spent blooms.

Step 2: Apply a well-balanced rose food.

Step 3: A spray program becomes more critical now. Hot weather brings black spot and mildew so apply a fungicide. If temperatures are running 85 degrees or hotter, reduce the amount of fungicide you are using by one fourth to avoid foliage burn. If you find tiny chartreuse bugs congregating on the rose bush, you'll need to purchase an insecticide for aphids.

Step 4: Apply the last fertilizer no later than six weeks before the first frost.

Step 5: Air circulation and dry nights help.

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### What you'll need:

- Watering can
- Rose food
- Fungicide
- Fertilizer