

ARIZONA ROSE SOCIETIES CALENDAR

JANUARY

Prune roses back approximately one-half, except for climbers. Remove foliage. Clean up all debris (leaves and petals) and discard in trash.

Spray a fungicide bi-weekly to prevent powdery mildew. Spray the canes and the ground around the rose bush.

Deep water roses at least once a week.

Plant new bare-root roses. Newly planted roses should be kept moist but not wet.

Weed beds.

FEBRUARY

Finish pruning roses.

After you finish pruning apply two-three inches of mulch.

Continue spraying for mildew. Spraying also helps to stop the aphids.

Water roses every week.

Keep weeds under control. You can apply preem granules to help control weeds.

In late February, apply merit to your gardens. This is to prevent thrip damage to the roses.

Fertilize roses with a dry slow-release fertilizer

MARCH

Continue spraying roses with a fungicide.

Increase watering as roses start growing and temperatures rise.

Established container roses can be planted now.

In late March, start fertilizing with a water soluble fertilizer.

Add two – three inches of mulch.

Spray or pull weeds, if necessary.

APRIL

Continue spraying as needed

Water roses three times a week. Use a water soluble fertilizer.

Start hosing off the roses at least two-three times weekly. This will keep pests away and will help to keep the roses clean. Also, you can spot potential problems by doing this.

Start deadheading.

Spray or pull weeds.

MAY

Water roses deeply three or more times a week. Check watering systems to be sure everything is working properly.

Deadhead the roses.

Spray or pull weeds when needed.

JUNE

Water roses well watered during the week.

Middle of June, fertilize with a dry slow release fertilizer. Apply at half strength.

Apply preem granules this month to help with weeds.

Continue washing down roses two-three times a week.

Continue deadheading.

Watch for spider mites.

JULY

Water roses three or more times a week.
Continue deadheading.
Spray, if necessary.
Spray or pull weeds.

AUGUST

Continue deadheading.
Water roses well watered during the week.
Spray weeds.

SEPTEMBER

Continue to water roses deeply.
Continue deadheading.
Fertilize with a dry slow-release fertilizer. Return to full strength.
Start fall pruning. Prune roses back about one-third. Clean up debris.
Spray or pull weeds.

OCTOBER

Continue to water well and deeply.
Continue fall pruning.
Spray roses with a fungicide to help prevent mildew.
Plant potted roses.
Check out the web sites and local Nurseries for new roses.

NOVEMBER

You can cut back on watering as temperatures cool.
Deadhead roses.
Spray weeds.

DECEMBER

Start winter pruning in late December
Reduce watering
Spray weeds.
Clean and sharpen pruning and planting tools.

This calendar should be used as a guide only. Everyone has their own favorite way to keep their roses blooming and in great shape.

You should visit the web sites of your favorite Rose Society for more information.

Mesa-East Valley Roses Society www.roses4az-mevrs.org

Phoenix Rose Society www.phoenixrose.org

Glendale Rose Society www.roseglenaz.com

Tucson Rose Society www.rosesocietyoftucson.org/