

Easy Rose Care Calendar for Arizona

**For Those Who Only Have Time to Do the Bare Minimum Necessary
For Their Roses to Survive and Grow Satisfactorily
2006 – Dona Martin, ARS Consulting Rosarian**

JANUARY Prune back roses about 1/2 in height. Remove all foliage. Clean up all rose debris (leaves, petals) and discard in trash. Plant new bare root and/or potted roses. Spray Immunox or Funginex weekly to prevent mildew. If no rain, deep water roses 1-2 times per week.

FEBRUARY Apply 3-4" mulch or pine needles around each bush. Apply Preen granules (on top of mulch) to prevent weeds. If no rain, deep water roses 2 times per week.

MARCH *Apply 90-day slow-release fertilizer granules (e.g., Osmocote.) If no rain, water roses as needed, 2-3 times per week. Spray Immunox or Funginex to prevent mildew.

APRIL Spray insecticide Bayer Rose and Flower Insect Killer (be sure active chemical is imidocloprid) as directed, if needed. Wash down foliage once or twice a week to prevent spider mites, prevent mildew and wash off aphids. Keep roses deep watered 3-4 times per week; don't let them dry out.

MAY Keep roses watered well and deeply throughout the month. Remove spent blooms to promote continued growth and buds. Make sure automatic drips or bubblers are working properly.

JUNE Keep roses watered well throughout the month, daily if necessary. *Apply 90-day slow-release fertilizer granules. Apply Preen granules (on top of mulch) to prevent weeds. Wash down foliage once or twice a week to prevent spider mites and to clean foliage. (Annual Mesa-East Valley Rose Society dues are due!)

JULY Keep roses watered well throughout the month, daily if necessary. Wash down foliage once or twice a week to prevent spider mites and clean foliage.

AUGUST Keep roses watered well throughout the month, daily if necessary. Wash down foliage once or twice a week to prevent spider mites, etc. Remove all spent blooms to encourage start of fall bloom cycle.

SEPTEMBER *Apply 90-day slow-release fertilizer granules. Keep roses watered. Late in month through early Oct., prune roses back about 1/3, clean up debris, but do not remove leaves as in spring.

OCTOBER Spray Immunox or Funginex to prevent mildew, the 1st week of month. Can be sprayed again if needed, per instructions. Spray Bayer Rose & Flower Insect Killer (be sure active chemical is imidocloprid) if needed, as directed. Keep roses watered and deadheaded, as needed.

NOVEMBER If no rain, water roses 2-3 times a week, or as needed. MEVRS Annual Rose Show – 3rd Saturday at MCC Student Center. Come see us!

DECEMBER Plan for new rose purchases and continue to enjoy your blooms.

*Because of our heat, 90-day slow-release fertilizer really only lasts about 60 days, so a two month feeding cycle would be preferable. Alternative is 20-20-20 granular every six weeks, half regular rate during the summer.

**We suggest you use this as a guide.
Roses are like kids and pets...they relish all the attention they can get.**

Please visit our website for more information about roses and the Mesa-East Valley Rose Society: www.roses4az-mevrs.org