

# EXHIBITOR'S ROSE CARE CALENDAR

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<p><b>JANUARY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: <u>Prune</u> all roses; <u>plant</u> bareroot and mound up new plants</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Dormant spray</u> all pruned rose bushes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Feed</u> Granular 10-12-10 1/4 cup per bush, 1 TB per mini</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 4: <u>Mulch</u> heavily with Gromulch, compost or aged horse manure</li> </ul> <p>Complete all pruning and bareroot planting by end-January.</p>	<p><b>FEBRUARY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: <u>Buy</u> mail-order Minis Finish mulching <u>Apply</u> Preen to prevent weeds</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Feed</u> Fish Emulsion 5-1-1 Epsom salts and SuperThrive</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Finger prune</u> excess buds/eyes <u>Apply</u> snail bait</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 4: <u>Apply</u> 1 cup of alfalfa pellets per bush (1/2 cup for minis)</li> </ul> <p>Repot root-bound potted roses.</p>	<p><b>MARCH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: <u>Feed</u> Soluble 20-20-20</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Feed</u> Fish Emulsion 5-1-1</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Feed</u> 90-day Slow Release Fertilizer such as Osmocote</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 4: <u>Feed</u> Fish, iron chelate, zinc, epsom salt, kelp, SuperThrive</li> </ul> <p>Disbud daily. Spray as needed to prevent mildew. Spray as needed to kill insects.</p>
<p><b>APRIL</b>      <b>Peak Show Season!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: <u>Feed</u> Soluble 10-30-20 (or 10-52-10) <u>Spray</u> for spider mites</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Feed</u> Fish Emulsion 5-1-1</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Feed</u> Soluble 10-30-20 <u>Apply</u> snail bait</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 4: <u>Feed</u> Fish, iron chelate, zinc, epsom salt, kelp, SuperThrive</li> </ul> <p>Disbud &amp; deadhead daily. Spray as needed to prevent mildew. Spray as needed to kill insects.</p>	<p><b>MAY</b>      <b>Show Season!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: <u>Feed</u> Soluble 10-30-20 <u>Spray</u> for spider mites</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Feed</u> Fish Emulsion 5-1-1</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Feed</u> Soluble 20-20-20 <u>Spray</u> for spider mites</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 4: <u>Feed</u> Fish, iron chelate, zinc, epsom salt, kelp, SuperThrive <u>Apply</u> Preen to prevent weeds</li> </ul> <p>Disbud &amp; deadhead daily. Spray as needed to prevent mildew. Spray as needed to kill insects.</p>	<p><b>JUNE</b>      <b>2nd Cycle Show Season!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: <u>Feed</u> Soluble 10-30-20 <u>Spray</u> for mildew and mites</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Feed</u> Fish Emulsion 5-1-1</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Spray</u> for spider mites</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 4: <u>Feed</u> Fish, iron chelate, zinc, epsom salt, kelp, SuperThrive</li> </ul> <p>Water, water, water! Experiment with hybridizing! Use Water Wand daily for mites. Propagate cuttings.</p>
<p><b>JULY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: <u>Feed</u> 90-day Slow Release Nitroform 38-0-0 or Osmocote <u>Spray</u> for spider mites</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Feed</u> 1/4 cup kelp meal*</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Feed</u> Fish Emulsion + iron <u>Spray</u> for spider mites</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 4: <u>Feed</u> 1/4 cup blood meal*</li> </ul> <p>*Combo organic products such as Mills Magic or Dr. Earth may be used instead. Use Water Wand daily for mites. Water, water, water!</p>	<p><b>AUGUST</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: <u>Spray</u> for spider mites</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Feed</u> 1/4 cup cottonseed meal* <u>Apply</u> 1 cup alfalfa pellets* per bush (1/2 cup for minis)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Prune</u> rose bushes 1/3 back; pick up debris <u>Apply</u> Preen to prevent weeds</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 4: <u>Feed</u> Fish, Epsom salts, kelp, SuperThrive + Gromulch</li> </ul> <p>Use Water Wand daily for mites. Water, water, water!</p>	<p><b>SEPTEMBER</b>      <b>Show Season!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: <u>Feed</u> Soluble 20-20-20</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Feed</u> Fish Emulsion + iron</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Feed</u> Soluble 20-20-20 <u>Spray</u> for spider mites</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 4: <u>Feed</u> Fish, iron chelate, zinc, epsom salt, kelp, SuperThrive <u>Apply</u> snail bait</li> </ul> <p>Finish Roses In Review Forms. Disbud &amp; deadhead daily. Spray as needed to prevent mildew. Spray as needed to kill insects.</p>
<p><b>OCTOBER</b>      <b>Peak Show Season!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: <u>Feed</u> Soluble 10-30-20 <u>Spray</u> for spider mites</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Feed</u> Fish Emulsion 5-1-1</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Feed</u> Soluble 10-30-20</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 4: <u>Feed</u> Fish, iron chelate, zinc, epsom salt, kelp, SuperThrive</li> </ul> <p>Disbud &amp; deadhead daily. Spray as needed to prevent mildew. Spray as needed to kill insects.</p>	<p><b>NOVEMBER</b>      <b>End Show Season!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: <u>Feed</u> Granular 10-12-10 1/4 cup per bush, 1 TB per mini</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Perform soil test</u> to determine pH level; <u>apply</u> lime or sulfur, if needed</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Buy</u> mail-order roses</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 4: Repot root-bound potted roses.</li> </ul>	<p><b>DECEMBER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: <u>Apply</u> one cup gypsum per bush, 1/4 cup for minis</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Pay</u> renewal membership dues for your rose society</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Enjoy</u> the holidays!</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wk 4: <u>Buy &amp; Plant</u> bareroot roses</li> </ul> <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; Miracle-Gro
- 1 TB Liquid: Nature's Harvest; Fish, Kelp
- 1/4 tsp Liquid: SuperThrive

**Liquid or dry application PER LABEL:**

- 1/4 cup Dry Granular: Epsom Salts; Bandini Rose
- 1 cup: Dry: Alfalfa pellets without additives

**Per label:** Dr. Earth; Kellogg's; Mills Magic; Preen

**Per label:** Osmocote; Bayer Advanced

**PER GALLON**

- 1/4 tsp Avid
- 1/3 tsp Banner Maxx
- 1 to 3 tsp Indicate 5
- 1/8 tsp Compass
- 1/10 tsp Merit (1/2 tsp/5 gals)
- 3/4 tsp Orthene 97%
- 1 tsp Response
- 1/4 tsp Systhane

**SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:**

- Read the labels carefully
- Use only as label directed
- Measure correctly
- Wear protective clothing
- Clean up after use

**MEASURES**

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

• Store/lock away from pets & kids

**READ THE PRODUCT LABELS!**