

# ROSE CARE CALENDAR

## The Minimalist Approach For Southern California

For Those Who Only Have Time to Do the Bare Minimum Necessary

For Their Roses to Survive and Grow Satisfactorily

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<b>JANUARY</b>	Prune back roses about 1/2 in height. Remove all foliage Spray with a dormant spray when finished pruning. Clean up all rose debris (leaves, petals) and discard in trash. Plant new bareroot roses.
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	Apply mulch around each bush. Apply Preen granules (on top of mulch) to prevent weeds. If no rain, water roses as needed.
<b>MARCH</b>	Apply 90-day slow-release fertilizer granules If no rain, water roses as needed. Spray Funginex to prevent mildew, the 3rd week of the month.
<b>APRIL</b>	Spray Orthene insecticide if needed, but only once a month. Wash down foliage twice a week to prevent spider mites, prevent mildew, wash off aphids. Keep roses watered as needed; don't let them dry out.
<b>MAY</b>	Keep roses watered well throughout the month. Remove spent blooms. Make sure automatic sprinklers are working properly.
<b>JUNE</b>	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 twice a week to prevent spider mites, prevent mildew, wash off aphids.
<b>JULY</b>	Keep roses watered well throughout the month, daily if necessary. Wash down foliage twice a week to prevent spider mites, prevent mildew, wash off aphids.
<b>AUGUST</b>	Keep roses watered well throughout the month, daily if necessary. Wash down foliage twice a week to prevent spider mites, prevent mildew, wash off aphids. Remove all spent blooms to encourage fall bloom cycle.
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	Apply 90-day slow-release fertilizer granules. Keep roses watered.
<b>OCTOBER</b>	Spray Funginex to prevent mildew, the 1st week of month. Spray Orthene insecticide IF needed, but only once a month. Keep roses watered, as needed.
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	If no rain, water roses twice a week, or as needed.
<b>DECEMBER</b>	Plan for new rose purchases.