

Rose Care: Monthly Guidelines

January:



Water 3 times a week or more



Carry out summer pruning



Spray fortnightly against black spot, beetles & bollworm
Check for red spider



Fertilise

February:



Dead-head and dis-bud



Water 3 times a week



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Spray fortnightly against black spot, beetles & bollworm

March:



Spray fortnightly against black spot, beetles & bollworm



Dead-heading will encourage flowering into winter



Water at least twice a week



In cooler areas, feed for the last time

April:



Dead-head



Water twice a week in cooler weather



Only in warmer areas feed your roses



Spray fortnightly against black spot, beetles & bollworm

May:



Only in warmer areas feed your roses



Dead-head



Water twice a week



Spray fortnightly against black spot, particularly in winter rainfall areas

June:



Transplant roses if necessary



Water once a week



Fertilise only in sub-tropical areas



Spray fortnightly against black spot particularly in winter rainfall areas



Dead-head

July:



Transplant roses if necessary



In most parts of the country - prune now



Water once a week



Feed your roses after pruning
Dig compost into your rose beds



After pruning - spray bare stems to kill insect eggs and fungus spores

August:



Apply a mulch



After pruning - spray bare stems to kill insect eggs and fungus spores



In very cold areas prune your roses now



Water once a week

September:



Pinch-prune about a third of the shoots



Increase watering to at least twice a week



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Spray fortnightly against aphids, thrips, bollworm and powdery mildew

October:



Pick blooms. Dis-bud



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Increase watering to three times a week - water deeply



Spray fortnightly against powdery mildew, aphids, beetles & bollworm

November:



Water 3 times a week or more



Spray fortnightly against black spot, aphids, beetles & bollworm. Check for red spider



Continue dis-budding and dead-heading



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December:



Spray fortnightly against black spot and insects. Check for red spider



Continue dis-budding and dead-heading



Water 3 times a week or more



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