

Autumn Hill Rose Care Schedule

January- February

- Prune climbing roses except the ones that bloom only once in spring (e.g. New Dawn and Lady Banks).
- Prune shrub roses (e.g. Knock out and Drift roses) to 12-15" from the ground. If the shrub rose has old and grey canes, remove 1-2 yearly to encourage new young canes from the base.
- Prune own-root David Austin English Roses.
- Consider checking pH. Roses prefer slightly acidic soil.

March

- Apply systemic insecticide.
- Prune hybrid tea and floribunda and grafted roses mid month.
- Remove all last-year's leaves from plant and from the ground around it.
 - Remove mulch/leaf pile around the graft union carefully.
- Fertilize existing roses with Espoma Rose Tone granular rose fertilizer (2 cups/rose bush). Apply every 6 weeks.
 - Replace mulch around the plant.

Early April

- Transplant container-grown roses. Add Rose Tone rose fertilizer mixed in with amendments (2 cups/rose bush) .
 - Keep an eye on aphids. Wash off with water.
 - Start fungicide program. Apply every 10 - 14 days.
- Keep an eye on weather... if freezing, be prepared to cover your roses.

Mid April

- Fertilize with Espoma Bloom Liquid Fertilizer Apply every 2 weeks. •
Spray fungicide every 10-14 days.
- Fertilize existing roses with Rose Tone granular rose fertilize.

May

- Keep an eye on aphids and thrips.
 - Fertilize with Bloom Liquid Feed
- Fertilize with Rose Tone granular late May. •
Spray fungicide every 10-14 days.
- Remember to deadhead the roses.
- Prune spring only-flowering roses.

July

- Fertilize with Rose Tone granular early July.
- Spray fungicide every 10-14 days.
- If the weather is hot, shower your roses with water early in the day.
- Don't hesitate to prune your roses and shorten the long, lanky canes.
- WATER!

August

- If the weather is hot, skip the liquid fertilizer.
- Fertilize with Rose Tone granular mid August.
- If the weather is hot, shower your roses with water early in the day.
- Spray fungicide every 10-14 days.
- Prune and shorten long, lanky canes (except spring-only flowering roses).
- WATER!

September

- Fertilize with Bloom Liquid Feed early September (last application of the year).
- You can fertilize with Rose Tone granular fertilizer one last time in mid September.
- Spray fungicide every 10-14 days.
- Keep an eye on thrips.

October - November

- Spray fungicide every 10-14 days.
- Enjoy healthy new growth and flowers!

December

- December is a good month to move/transplant rose bushes. You may need to cut the canes shorter.
- Prune all tall rose canes to 5 feet to prevent cane damage.
- Cover the graft union of your hybrid teas with at least 12" of mulch and leaves to protect the graft from the weather.

