

# DICK STREEPER'S 2008 CALENDAR OF ROSE CARE FOR SAN DIEGO

Month	Plant roses	Prune roses	Spray for insects, fungus and mites	Irrigate	Fertilize	Other Activities
January	Plant bare root roses -- see March instructions	Prune hybrid teas and old garden roses.	Lilly/Miller Lime Sulphur Fungicide or wettable powdered sulphur. Remove all alive and dead foliage before spraying	New plants every other day for first three weeks	See column 2 for fertilizers at the time of bare-root planting	Pruning demonstration Balboa Park Rose Garden 1/5-6,2008, 9:15-12:00 AM; Rose Seminar, Casa del Prado, 1/26/08
February	Plant bare root roses	Prune climbers	Use a 33" water wand with water-breaker head replaced with sweeper nozzle for mites	One inch per week minus actual rainfall	1 cup of Milorganite (6-2-0) per plant midmonth	Apply one cup of gypsum per plant and 4-6" of A-1 Lifelike to entire rose bed
March	Plant bare root roses - always with 1 cup of superphosphate & 1/2 cup sulfate of potash	Disbud (remove side buds on hybrid teas and center buds on floribundas)	Use Orthenex Insect & Disease Control Concentrate for insect and disease control. Lilly/Miller Lime Sulphur at growing season rate can be substituted to control fungus	1.5" two times a week through June	1 Tb. per plant of sulfate of ammonia (21-0-0) weekly; 1 Tb. per plant of sulfate of potash (0-0-25) about 3/1	Include MiracleGro with every application of pesticides until September, 1 T/gal. to acidify spray and supply micronutrients
April	-	Disbud; remove all short twiggy growth as it forms	Continue the March program through September. Ortho Orthenex only to buds showing color and to blooms and only if necessary to make blooms open well.	-	1 Tb. per plant of sulfate of ammonia weekly; 1 Tb of fish emulsion in one gallon of water every other week through August	-
May	Plant canned roses	Disbud	Use Monterey Alette to control downy mildew if present	-	1 Tb. per plant of urea every other week through July	San Diego R. S. Rose Show, Balboa Park, May 17-18, 2008
June	Plant canned roses	Disbud	-	-	-	-
July	-	-	-	1.5" three times per week	-	-
August	Plant canned roses	Prune moderately	For a complete listing of pesticides, those involved in show competition or commercial production see <a href="http://Rosemania.com">Rosemania.com</a>	1.5" three times per week	1 cup of Milorganite per plant	-
September	Plant canned roses	-	-	1.5" two times per week	1 Tb. per plant of urea weekly	-
October	Plant canned roses	-	Lilly/Miller Lime Sulphur Fungicide for rust as needed. Cease other spraying	1.5" two times per week	Withhold fertilization until February	Harvest and plant rose seeds Remove weeds and fallen leaves
November	-	-	Cease all spraying	One inch per week minus actual rainfall	-	-
December	Plant bare root roses	Prune floribundas and minis mid-month	-	Withhold water	-	Add gypsum and four inches of organic mulch after pruning

The following varieties of roses are easy to buy and will grow well in San Diego County. They are classified by growth habit as hybrid tea (HT), grandiflora (GR), floribunda (FL), climber (CL), shrub (SH) and miniature (MI), and by height of growth as tall (t)- over five feet in late summer, medium (m) - three to five feet, and low (lo) - under three feet.  
Special fragrance is indicated by an asterisk(\*).  
Non-patented or out-of-patent varieties, which sell for about 50% of the price of patented roses, are marked by a "\$".  
Very good exhibition roses are marked "#".

Veterans' Honor#	HT	t	red	Grand Prize	FL	m	pink	Julia Child	FL	lo	yellow
Crimson Bouquet	GR	m	red	Playgirl	FL	m	pink	Mellow Yellow	HT	m	yellow
Fourth of July	CL	t	red/w.	Cl. Cecile Brunner \$	CL	t	pink	Midas Touch	HT	t	yellow
Black Cherry	FL	t	red	Cupcake	MI	lo	pink	St. Patrick #	HT	m	yellow
Ruby Ruby	MI	m	red	Color Magic \$	HT	m	pink blend	Graham Thomas	CL	t	yellow
Trumpeter	FL	lo	red	Gemini#	HT	t	pink blend	Honey Perfume*	FL	t	yellow
Gizmo	MI	lo	red	Secret *#	HT	m	pink blend	Barbra Streisand*#	HT	m	mauve
Cherry Parfait	GR	m	red/w	Signature #	HT	m	pink blend	Wild Blue Yonder*#	SH	t	mauve
Marilyn Monroe#	HT	m	apricot	Lynn Anderson	HT	t	pink blend	Honor # \$	HT	t	white
Duet \$#	HT	m	pink	Brigadoon	HT	t	pink blend	Pristine # \$	HT	t	white
Moonstone#	HT	t	pink	Touch of Class #	HT	t	coral pink	Sally Holmes \$	CL	t	white
Queen Elizabeth \$	GR	t	pink	Sunflare	FL	lo	yellow	Irresistible#	MI	l	white