

INSECT CONTROL

The two most common insects to watch for are red spider and aphids. Depending on the insect, application may vary from 3 days to once a week.

FERTILIZATION

An all purpose rose fertilizer should be used at least every 3-4 weeks during the entire growing season. For more specific questions on care, contact us for suitable products and directions for help.

WINTER PROTECTION

Wait until the end of November to prepare your rose for winter. It is best to prune the rose back to 9-12" above the graft at this time. Winter protection can be provided in several ways. Rose cones are Styrofoam cylinders that can be placed over the rose for insulation. Many come with removable lids that will prevent moisture from collecting on warm sunny days. Also available are rose collars, which require some mulching around the rose.

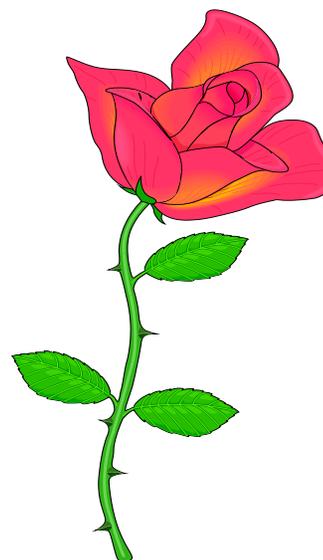
Another method is mounding peat-moss (or soil) around the rose about 8-12" high. The use of sphagnum peat-moss will prevent fungi that could be transmitted through dried leaves. Winter mulch protection should not be used until the ground is freezing in early winter and should remain until daytime temperatures remain consistently over 32 degrees. In spring it is time to begin your fertilizing program again. A conscientious effort to provide this care will result in a life time of rose enjoyment.

We at Bennett's are here every day to give "Helping Hand Hints" personally, one to one. Many gardening problems are very specific, and we couldn't possibly cover all aspects in these pamphlets. Any time you have a specific problem or need help, feel free to call. It's our job to help you be successful in your growing endeavors, and we thoroughly enjoy giving you a "helping hand."

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