

# Rose Clinic Spray and Feeding Recommendations

## DAVE LOWELL'S SPRAY PROGRAM

This program combines disease and pest control with fertilizer. The following are the ingredients to make up the basic spray and the amount of each to be combined and added to one gallon of water.

<b>Ortho RosePride Disease Control</b> (Funginex)	<b>1 Tbs</b>
<b>Ortho Systemic Insect Killer</b> (Isotox)	<b>2 Tbs</b>
<b>MAXSEA 16 16 16</b> (Dry concentrate)	<b>1 Tbs</b>
<b>Kelp Sea Life</b>	<b>4 Tbs</b>
<b>Vinegar</b>	<b>1 Tbs</b>

The first spray should be made at the moment disease activity is first noticeable, then as needed thereafter. For maximum protection and feeding, you can spray every 10 days through the spring growing season. Read and follow Pesticide labels.

REMEMBER never to spray or feed a thirsty plant. Always water your plants well the day before. It is important to avoid the heat of day when treating and take care with your dilutions (don't overdose).

## DAVE'S FERTILIZER PROGRAM

This Program provides for general plant vigor and wonderful looking roses. For use on established (planted for at least 6 months) roses only in MARCH and AUGUST. **For each rose apply:**

**Mix together	{	<b>5 5 5 Fertilizer</b>	<b>1 cup per rose</b>	<b>(4# box for about 9 roses)</b>
		<b>Bone Meal</b>	<b>½ cup per rose</b>	<b>(4# bag for 18 roses)</b>
		<b>Sulfur*</b>	<b>½ cup per rose</b>	<b>(5# bag for 18 roses)</b>
		<b>Magnesium Sulfate</b>	<b>2 Tbs per rose</b>	<b>(5# bag for 70+ roses)</b>
		<b>Chicken Fertilizer</b>	<b>1 shovel per rose</b>	<b>(1 bag for 9 roses)</b>

Sprinkle the first 4 ingredients around each rose and mix into soil if possible. Then sprinkle the chicken fertilizer around each rose and water everything in.

\*To supply sulfur, use one of the following: Iron Sulfate, Iron Plus, or Ph Adjuster-plus. Iron containing products can stain; wash off adjacent paving after application.

***\*\*DO NOT combine this recipe with systemic rose fertilizer. It poses a serious health risk to pets if ingested. Pets are attracted to the bone meal and may ingest systemic rose food if it is included in this recipe or applied other months in the same area.***

**ALDEN LANE NURSERY** recommends applying Master Nursery Rose and Flower Food monthly, April through July and September (skipping August for Dave's program above).

A one-inch mulch layer may be put around your roses to conserve water and insulate roots from summer heat. However, to encourage early bloom, delay mulching until after the soil has been warmed by spring temperatures.

