# Suggestions for Caring for Period Roses by the Month

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## January

- If it has been dry and the temps are above freezing, water by hand.
- Order new roses for delivery in the spring
- Clean and sharpen garden tools (pruners)
- Inspect bushes for damaged /broken canes and prune those out
- If using pesticides, spray dormant spray

## February

- Transplant established bushes
- Mulch around plants to preserve moisture
- Prune out any obviously dead canes
- If in zone 7b or above, roses should start breaking dormancy
- Plant any new bare-root bushes

#### March

- Apply organic fertilizer (manure) around plants
- Prune out dead or damaged canes
- In warmer areas, bush should be actively growing
- In colder areas, starting to bud out.
- If spraying, start applying fungicide
- Plant any new bare-root bushes

### April

- Apply fertilizer: Choose type
  - Time release fertilizer like Ozmecote: Now and again in mid August
  - Regular 10-10-10
- Water if weather has been dry
- Roses should be starting to bloom in warmer areas
- Replace the mulch
- If spraying, continue program
- If you have potted bushes, take them out of shelter
- Plant any potted bushes
- Last frost in zone 7

## May

- Most roses should be blooming
- Start a regular watering schedule
- Apply 10-10-10 fertilizer or manure, if not using time-release
- If spraying, continue spray program
- Deadhead if you don't care about hips
- Japanese beetles arrive 😒



#### June

- Blooming starts to taper off
- Deadhead if you don't care about hips
- If not using time-release, apply another round of 10-10-10
- If spraying, continue program
- Apply an organic fertilizer like fish emulsion.
- If blooms are done, prune back about ⅓ and thin canes to allow air flow.

# July

- If not already done, pune back
  1/3 and thin to allow air flow
- Water regularly
- Continue any spray programs

### August

- Water / spray / weed
- If using time release fertilzer, apply 2nd round in the 2nd half of the month
- Prune out any dead canes
- Prune back canes that are going where you don't want them.

## September

- Continue water/spray/weed
- If you have Autumn Damask, watch for blooms.
- Continue Water/spray/Weed
- Start checking nursery websites for new plants

### October

- Add/replace mulch
- Prune out dead canes
- Clean up fallen leaves
- Cut back on watering
- Stop fertilizing
- Transplant any potted bushes
- Look at nursery websites for new plants

### November

- Plant any fall-shipped roses
- Clean up around bushes
- Add mulch
- If in colder area, move potted bushes to winter shelter
- Look at nursery websites for new plants
- If in colder area, transplant any established bushes

### December

- Prune out any dead canes
- Start planning any new/redone beds
- Transplant established bushes
- If weather is dry and above freezing, water once or twice during the month.

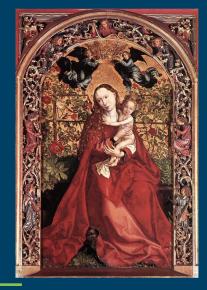
# Questions?

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