

ROSES

(3,682 SQ. FT.)

OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

(High-level maintenance)

WINTER PROTECTION

Remove and prune any winter damage in mid March. Apply mulch in November. Cut rose canes to around twenty-four inches. Remove dead, damaged, or diseased canes. Remove branches that are growing toward the center. Suckers should be removed below the soil line. Cut the canes above an outward facing bud. Old leaves and cut canes should be raked away and discarded due to the fact that disease carrying organisms tend to over winter in them. Mound bark mulch around each plant at least fifteen to eighteen inches deep.

FERTILIZE ROSES

Fertilize rose plants twice a month, beginning in early spring. Fertilizers should be spread evenly and at least six inches from the main stem. Fertilizers should not be applied any later than six weeks before an anticipated frost.

SPRAYING ROSES

Spray roses with a tank mixture of a fungicide, insecticide, and a miticide, every ten to fourteen days. Do this from mid April until mid September.

DEADHEADING ROSES

Prune spent blooms back to an outward facing bud in the leaf axil with five leaflets. Deadhead once per week from May until mid September.