

# Pruning Roses

## Prune:

\***Bush Roses** - Prune all repeat - blooming roses by 50% in February

Roses like hybrid teas, grandifloras, floribundas, and miniatures produce the best flowers on new or current season's wood.

To ensure this type of wood, these roses are pruned very hard in early spring. This usually means removing about one-half to two-thirds of the plant's height and reducing the number of canes.

\* **Climbing Roses**- Prune once blooming roses after they finish blooming in the Spring.

The standard recommendation is to cut the flower stem back to an outward-facing bud above a five-leaflet Leaf.

Reduce the number of good, healthy canes by selectively thinning out the less valuable ones, especially in the center.

Actual number of good canes remaining will vary with the age of the bush. The following is good estimate of the number of good canes to leave.

### Age of Plant:

1-2 Years Old

3-4 Years Old

5 Years Plus

### Number of canes to leave:

3-5 Canes

4-7 Canes

5-9 Canes

**Fertilize:** Start fertilizing late in the month of March, or when plants are fully leafed out.

Use: **Fertilome Rose Food w/Systemic Insecticide**

**Rose Glo (Organic)**

**Espoma Rose Tone (Organic)**

**Watch:** Watch out for Powdery Mildew, Black Spot, and Insect Pests.....Spray as Necessary.

