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Time to feed roses

I know the weather has been a little summer-like but it is still spring! I have big plans to get the year off right, and I am going to help you do the same! I know you are all out doing your spring cleanups now and this is the perfect time to fertilize those roses. All roses!

Roses are a heavy feeder. To get the year off right, they should be fertilized with a time released well-balanced fertilizer. If you really want to do them right – in the spring the fertilizer should have a higher Phosphorous ratio (that is the middle number – Nitrogen, Phosphorous, Potassium). The fertilizer should also be lightly worked into the soil but be careful not to damage the root system.

The 2nd application should late June-early July, after the heavy flush of spring flowers. This application should be a well-balanced fertilizer again lightly raked into the soil. It takes a lot of energy to produce those beautiful flowers and this application will refresh the roses and produce nice summer blooms. If you want to add a 3rd fertilizer you can, but not after September. If the last application is applied too late, you will push new growth that may not harden off before the temperatures drop.



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