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# YARD 'N' GARDEN

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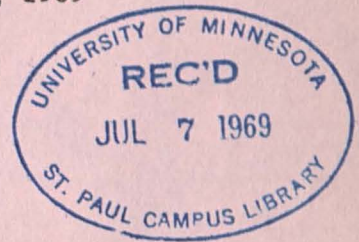


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## ROSES

Roses are a summer favorite in Minnesota gardens, but good culture is necessary if you want continuous bloom of your garden roses. Fertilize the roses when they've finished their first cycle of blooms, using a complete fertilizer in order to stimulate continuous growth. Don't fertilize roses late in the season or they'll be over stimulated and produce too much succulent growth in the fall.

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Keep in mind that pests such as aphids, rose leaf hopper, rose chafer and spider mite can all be problems on roses during the fall season. To control these pests use an all-purpose rose spray or dust.

Summer pruning consists mainly of removing spent flowers. Cut back to the first five leaflets. Many rose fanciers prefer to cut back to just below the flower bud.

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Regular watering to keep the soil moist is important for continuous bloom. Soak the soil at the base of the plant, but don't wet the foliage. Occasional washing of the foliage to remove dust and spray residue may be desirable.

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Summer mulching is essential to control weeds, conserve moisture and keep the soil cool. Mulches may consist of well rotted barnyard manure, compost, buckwheat hulls or ground corn cobs.

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