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## Rosemania Recommends Summer Reminders

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July and August bring the hottest days of the summer and we are all showing the signs of the heat. It is important to make the most of your time in the garden. That's why I have put together this list of Summer Reminders. We all know these things, but it is good to take a moment and review them.

**Be sure your roses are getting enough water!** Roses need water for feeding and protection. A well hydrated rose can more easily fend off disease. When you do water, be sure to give your roses a good, deep soaking. If you have well prepared soil, it is almost impossible to over-

water your roses during the summer months. Don't assume the summer showers are giving them the water they need. Use a rain gauge. They are inexpensive and easy to place in your garden.

**Continue your preventative spray program.** You need to be keeping disease in check and harmful pests out of your garden. **Banner Maxx** (or **Honor Guard**) and **Mancozeb** (or **Pentathlon**) should be important components of your disease control spray plan. Rotating **Heritage** or **Compass** into the cycle will round out your program. Be sure to water your roses well the day before spraying. Last month, Robbie wrote a great article on controlling insects and mites. If you can't find your past issue of the "**American Rose**", you can check out the article on line at [www.rosemania.com](http://www.rosemania.com). You can also download a copy of our Recommended Spray Programs while you are there.

**Feed your roses.** They are heavy feeders and you will want to continue a good fertilization regiment through out the summer. **Mills Liquid EasyFeed** is my favorite because it is a complete fertilizer containing fish, seaweed, chelated iron and Epsom sales as well as the right balance of NPK. You want to mix **Liquid EasyFeed** at a rate of one tablespoon per gallon of water. I usually add either **Liquid Karma**, or **Nature's NOG** - to give my roses that extra boost of color and vigor.

**Add organics to your soil.** In early May, I use **Mills Magic Mix** to give my roses the longer term effect of organic feeding. By August, it is time to put down another 2-3 cups per large rose bush and about one-half cup per miniature rose. Lightly scratch it into the soil and give the rose a good watering. Depending on your part of the country this should carry you through the rest of the season. In climates that are warmer for most of the year, you may do another application later in the year.

**Remove old spent blooms from your rose plants.** This encourages the plant to begin another bloom cycle. Use a quality pair of bypass pruners with a sharp blade. A clean cut reduces the damage to the cane on the plant. If you are cutting blooms to enjoy inside, a clean cut im-

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<b>Eagle 20EW (pint)</b>	\$69.99
<b>Banner Maxx (pint)</b>	\$69.99
<b>Honor Guard (pint; generic B. Maxx)</b>	\$57.99
<b>Compass (1 lb)</b>	\$469.00
<b>Heritage (4oz)</b>	\$149.99
<b>Mancozeb (pint)</b>	\$24.99
<b>Pentathlon DF (6 lb)</b>	\$47.99
<b>Pentathlon LF (2.5 Gallons)</b>	\$136.99
<b>Daconil Ultrex (5 lb)</b>	\$89.95
<b>Clearys 3336F (quart)</b>	\$72.99
<b>Stature SC (for Downey Mildew)</b>	\$199.99
<b>Conserve SC (Great for thrips!)</b>	\$156.00
<b>Merit (2 oz) (for aphids and J. Beetles)</b>	\$59.99
<b>Orthene 97 WP (.773 lb)</b>	\$31.99
<b>Overture</b>	\$142.00
<b>Talstar (quart)</b>	\$79.99
<b>Kontos (250 ml)</b>	\$199.95
<b>Avid (8oz)</b>	\$109.00
<b>Floramite SC (quart)</b>	\$295.00
<b>Forbid (8oz)</b>	\$289.99
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<b>Shuttle (pint)</b>	\$169.99

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proves uptake of water while in the vase. My recommendation is always the **Felco** line. They are a durable pruner with easy to replace blades.

**Don't forget to protect the rosarian!** Not only are gloves, coverall, respirator and goggles important, but hydration and sun protection for the rosarian are a must. Be sure to drink plenty of fluids before, during and after you work outside. Lack of water and overheating will creep up on you without warning. Wear sunscreen and a hat to protect your head.

I hope these reminders have helped. Be patient and "stay the course". The beauty of fall is right around the corner.

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<b>Magic Mix (9 lb.)</b>	\$17.99
<b>Magic Mix (20 lb.)</b>	\$25.99
<b>Magic Mix (40lb pail)</b>	\$58.99
<b>EasyFeed (3 lb.)</b>	\$19.99
<b>EasyFeed (9 lb.)</b>	\$44.99
<b>Liquid EasyFeed (pint)</b>	\$9.99
<b>Liq. EasyFeed (1/2 gallon)</b>	\$23.99
<b>Liq. EasyFeed (1 gallon)</b>	\$39.99
<b>Liq. EasyFeed (5 gallon)</b>	\$174.99
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