

# Rosemania

## Rosemania Recommends Beautiful Fall Roses

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For the past few months rosarians' gardens have endured the challenges of summer such as hot weather, too little rain, spider mites, thrips, blackspot and, for some, Japanese beetles. It may have been tough but hopefully you have maintained your regular spray and feeding programs.

Now that fall is here, you can reap the reward of your summer efforts. I love fall blooms! While the bloom count is usually somewhat less than spring, the size of the blooms and the intense colors more than compensate.

It is important to remember a few of the basics of fall rose care - continue to feed your roses, don't slack off on your spray program and prepare and plan for next year. These simple activities will help bring out the beautiful blooms of fall while keeping your plants healthy as they prepare for winter.

### Mills Products

#### *New BloomKote Time-Released Fertilizer*

<i>BloomKote 15 lb. resealable bag</i>	<i>\$39.99</i>
<i>BloomKote 40 lb. plastic pail</i>	<i>\$89.00</i>
<i>Magic Mix (9 lb.)</i>	<i>\$17.99</i>
<i>Magic Mix (20 lb.)</i>	<i>\$25.99</i>
<i>Mills EasyFeed (9lb)</i>	<i>\$44.99</i>
<i>Liquid EasyFeed (1/2 gallon)</i>	<i>\$23.99</i>
<i>Liquid EasyFeed (1 gallon)</i>	<i>\$39.99</i>
<i>Liquid EasyFeed (5 gallon)</i>	<i>\$174.99</i>

Now is a great time to apply liquid fertilizer. The effects of liquid feeding are fast and short term so your plants can enjoy the nutrients now. I use a balanced fertilizer such as *Mills EasyFeed*.

I recommend one tablespoon in one gallon of water per bush every three weeks. Continue the liquid feeding until approximately three weeks prior to your area's first frost date. Avoid using dry fertilizer too late in your growing season. Its longer-lasting effect can encourage the delayed growth of tender canes and foliage that may be damaged by cold weather. If you are lucky enough to live in an area that doesn't freeze during winter, continue feeding through November and then give your roses a rest from fertilizer for a couple of months.



**Nature's NOG**  
**Quart - \$34.95**  
**Gallon - \$99.95**

*Liquid Karma*, *Nature's NOG* and *Sequestrene Chelated Iron* are supplements you should consider. I use the *Sequestrene* (1 teaspoon per gallon of water per bush) in the early fall to give my leaves a deep green color. Chelated iron is immediately usable by the plant and will not impact the pH of your soil like *Ironite*.

*Nature's Nog* is a totally organic, natural compound designed to enhance root formation, increase vascular strength, promote green color, and reduce stress on ornamental and agricultural plants.

Nature's NOG is environmentally safe and completely non-toxic to humans, animals and fish. Most important, roses love it!

After a long summer you may be tempted to stop or cut back on your spray routine. On the contrary, now is just as important as any other time of the year. Blackspot will continue to do its best to invade your garden. If you let it develop in the fall, it can "winter over" and start attacking your leaves in the early spring. *Banner Maxx* (or the generic, *Honor Guard*) and *Mancozeb/Pentathlon* should remain an important part of your preventative spray program. Stay the course - keep protecting your beautiful roses. If you are a new reader to this column, be sure to check out our past articles at our website, [www.rosemania.com](http://www.rosemania.com). Once at the site, simply click on "Recommends" to read archived articles from the past two years.

In many areas, fall brings warm days and cool nights. With this gorgeous weather comes one more disease with which to contend - powdery mildew. One of the earliest signs will be slight purple splotches on the underside of your leaves. Don't worry if you missed those - most of us do. We first realize the problem when white powdery spots appear on the top of our leaves. Tender leaves may also wrinkle.

Once you see the powder it is important to act quickly to knock it out. Left untreated it will quickly spread to other leaves and other roses. While not usually fatal to the plant, it can damage your leaves and affect the overall health

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<i>Eagle 20EW (pint)</i>	\$69.99
<i>Banner Maxx (pint)</i>	\$69.99
<i>Honor Guard (pint; generic B. Maxx)</i>	\$57.99
<i>Compass (1 lb.)</i>	\$469.00
<i>Heritage (4oz)</i>	\$149.99
<i>Mancozeb (pint)</i>	\$24.99
<i>Pentathlon DF (6 lb)</i>	\$47.99
<i>Clearys 3336F (quart)</i>	\$72.99
<i>Stature SC (for Downey Mildew)</i>	\$199.99
<i>Conserve SC (Great for thrips!)</i>	\$149.99
<i>Merit (2 oz) (for aphids and J. Beetles)</i>	\$59.99
<i>Orthene 97 WP (.773 lb)</i>	\$31.99
<i>Talstar (quart)</i>	\$79.99
<i>Avid (8oz)</i>	\$109.00
<i>Floramite SC (quart)</i>	\$289.99
<i>Forbid (8oz)</i>	\$289.99
<i>Shuttle (pint)</i>	\$169.99
<i>Indicate 5 spreader sticker (qt)</i>	\$22.99
<i>Indicate 5 spreader sticker (gal)</i>	\$51.99
<i>Liquid Karma (qt)</i>	\$32.99
<i>Liquid Karma (gal)</i>	\$75.00
<i>Sequestrene Chelated Iron (5lbs)</i>	\$54.00

of your garden. *Eagle 20EW* is the product to use for powdery mildew. With a usage rate of 1/3 to 2/3 of a teaspoon per gallon it is very cost effective. If your garden experiences powdery mildew in spring and fall, then *Eagle 20EW* should be an integral part of your spray program. **Do not combine the Eagle 20 EW with Banner Maxx of other fungicides in the same mixture.** however, we highly recommend using a spreader-sticker such as *Indicate-5*. Fall is a good time to check your soil pH. For roses, pH should be between 6.0 and 6.5. If it is above or below these levels, treating now will give ample time for adjustments prior to spring pruning. Rosemania offers three proven pH testers that provide the freedom to test your soil whenever and as often as you choose. If your pH is too high, use powder sulfur at a rate of 5 pounds per 100 square feet of rose bed. If your pH is too

low, use *Limestone F*.

Do not forget your fall soil treatment with *Clearax Salt Leaching Solution*. Heavily used in the hydroponics world, this product removes the unwanted salt that can build up in your garden and keep your roses from reaching their full potential.

**Clearax**  
**Salt Leaching Solution**

**Quart**  
**\$22.99**

**Gallon**  
**\$39.99**



## PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR

Fall is the best time to analyze your rose garden and your roses. Did you consistently follow your spray regiment this past year and, if so, where you satisfied with your results? If so, take an inventory of the products that worked well and be sure to move them to a protected area that is free from any freezing temperatures (like a garage). If you failed to do so at the time of purchase, take the time now to write the date the product was opened on the container so you will remember when to discard for new product.

If you had roses that performed especially well, make a note of the variety in case you want to add additional plants next spring. Remove roses that did not perform well. Chances are they are not suitable to your climate or just a poor specimen of the variety.

out. At *Rosemania*, we carry #1 grade bare root roses from *Weeks Roses*, as well as our very own miniature and miniflora roses.

## Bare Root Rose Update!

We all know the US economy has had a couple of troubling years and this has impacted almost all businesses. Since bare root roses take two full years to grow, it should be no surprise that the 2011 crop is much smaller due to the large growers caution when planting in 2008 - 2009. I mention this because we expect there to be a significant shortage in roses for 2011 so plan accordingly.

As many of you know, *J&P Roses* declared bankruptcy this past year. I have bought roses from J&P for many years and it was a sad day to hear about their financial troubles. The Good News..... *Weeks Roses* has picked up the J&P varieties for 2011 including all their new introductions and long time favorites like Veteran's Honor. *Rosemania* is happy to announce that we will carry the new varieties and many of the more popular varieties introduced in past years. Be sure to check our website for a complete list.

## Miniature Rose Update!

We sold more miniature roses last year than any year since we began more than 10 years ago. Thank you to all who supported this part of our business. Be sure to check the website for a listing of mini and miniflora roses for 2011.

This is an exciting time of the year so enjoy your garden and get ready for next year – there's more fun ahead!



**Kelway HB-2**

<b>Kelway HB2</b>	<b>\$119.00</b>
<b>Generic (like HB2)</b>	<b>\$84.95</b>
<b>Soil pHD</b>	<b>\$63.00</b>

**Now is the time to order your roses for next year.** Selection is at its best and you want to be sure to reserve the exciting new varieties before stocks are sold **Don't forget we have over 500 rose related products at our website.**