

# Rose Blooms At Peak; Need Regular Care

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This is the season to revel in roses—just about every one's favorite flower. Although bloom will continue throughout the season on most roses, it can't rival the magnificent abundance of June bloom.

Blazing red climbers adorn a garage wall or festoon a low fence. Floribundas, with clusters of blossoms on low plants, add color to a foundation planting or mingle with perennials in the flower border.

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# Gardeners Often Drown Plants

Sickly leaves on foliage plants is often due to poor light and over-watering. A green thumb seems to be one of the best curses.

Gradual fading of color, elongated leaf stems and progressively smaller leaves are typical when poor light is the problem. Open the shades and pruning outside shrubbery sometimes provides adequate light.

Awnings, north exposures and shade walls usually is certain disaster. When plants can be rotated to a bright or sunny area, they generate a surplus of food and return to the glossy beauty you desire.

If rotation is not possible and these plants cannot be moved to bright locations, these plants will gradually decline.

Waterlight pots and planters can become a pond if you add too much water. Just one over-watering can kill most of the roots. Unless the plant can grow new roots, the plant quickly declines, the off-color foliage declines, and progressive yellowing.

The yellowing and leaf drop

is a balancing process to adjust for root loss.

An ideal way to avoid over-watering is to use pots with drain holes. Each time you water, simply enough to saturate the soil. The surplus will appear in the pan beneath the pot.

Instead of watering on a schedule use the finger test. Feel the top of the soil before watering. If you can feel moisture, the plant has enough. When the top of the soil feels dry, add enough water to saturate the soil and produce a surplus in the pan.

When a yellow leaf develops every time a new leaf appears, then extra fertilizer is necessary. Florists may fertilize every month, but they add very small amounts. You will have a problem deciding how much, and how often to add fertilizer.

The amount to apply depends on the size of the pot, sensitivity of plant, and the kind of

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