

Magic Garden Roses

Hello and welcome to our first official newsletter and thank you for the overwhelming response for our news letter request. As it is our first we hope to deliver an informative and constructive newsletter. We also would like to ask you, the customer, what you would like to see in our upcoming newsletters as well.



Crepuscule Climber

We are all excited to see our roses bursting with buds and mass or blooms. Yes, its that time of year again. We have noticed on our deliveries around Melbourne, roses in gardens flowering everywhere. Rows of standard Just Joeys, arches with climbing Gold bunnys. Its enough to get any one interested in roses and its why we love our roses so much.

Roses really are a big part of Spring!

Saying that, we would like to share with you all just how easy it is to keep roses looking as if it were Spring all the time ! Our aim, over time, is to deliver a comprehensive but simple series of newsletters that

can advise you in growing healthier roses than you have ever seen or had before.

Seeing such healthy foliage on your roses at this time of year it is very easy to ignore the need to spray for black-spot, people tend to have a perception that `the rose looks healthy to me`. We have to realise that spraying roses with preventative sprays like Kendon Triforine is the only sure guard against blackspot , powdery mildew and rust. Spring and Autumn is the worst time of the year for these fungus problems and in severe cases people can just give up putting the roses down as just too hard to grow.



Gold Bunny Climber

Regular spraying with Triforine is needed at 7-10 day intervals to keep your roses looking at their peak throughout the whole season. If a spraying routine is not followed roses can quickly develop unhealthy leaves riddled with black spot and mildew. This will dramatically slow down the rose's re-shooting process and as a result the next flush of roses.

So no matter where you are in Australia, after you have pruned your roses back and the new shoots reach around 10cm in length – start spraying Triforine. If you need to see how to mix up a batch of spray and the best way to use a sprayer we have a short movie on our website under 'growing tips'. It does not take long too download even on a dial up connection.

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Mix up your batches of Triforine in a separate container rather than your trusty all purpose spray container that may have been used for weed sprays. Every week we see disheartened customers arrive at our nursery with weed killer damage to their roses. The story is always the same as people explain just how well they cleaned the container with hot soapy water before spraying Triforine with it. You really must have a container clearly labeled for your weed killer and one for your rose spray.

Lets talk about weed killers for a minute. Before you use any type of weed killer, you have to understand just exactly how they work. You will then know if you risk damaging other



Weed Spray Damage

plants in your garden. If you use a weed killer of any type in between plants in your garden, there is every chance that you have already done some sort of damage. It may well be the reason why some plants have already died. Many commonly used weed killers are systemic type sprays which means that if any spray touches the leaves it travels through the sap stream of the whole plant.

Exposure to even small amounts of spray can start to 'starve' a plant, with increased contact the plant will look sicker and there is every chance it will eventually die.

If you insist on killing of weeds with weed spray in the garden, here is a tip. Empty the contents of weed killer into a specially marked plastic container and apply the weed killer carefully with a paint brush. This way there is no wind drift and you can easily isolate weeds that need the application. Spraying weeds with weed killers in the garden has not been talked about enough we feel and if anybody would like to add a story about what happened in their garden, feel free to e-mail us here.



We think that the best way to tackle weeds is to simply mulch every year. When you do you also get the double benefits of saving water and improving soil. If you do get the odd weed

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Charles de Gualle



Just Joey



Queen Elizabeth

once the mulch has been applied it will pull out much easier because of the cool and damp conditions underneath the surface.

In each newsletter we plan to promote a different type of rose with a little bit of back ground and growing information.

Smooth Touch® Thornless Roses

Were first discovered by Harvey Davidson of Western Sun Roses California in 1961 while breeding for disease resistant roses. By selective and cross breeding he has developed over 30 thornless varieties in a range of colours and styles. Each year new roses are released specially selected as most suitable for Australian conditions.

The care, pruning, feeding and flowering of Thornless Roses is the same as for all other Hybrid Tea and Floribunda roses. Smooth Touch® varieties are considered 95-100% thorn free.



Smooth Touch Moonlight

By purchasing a Smooth Touch® Thornless Rose you can support cancer research, as a percentage of each rose sale is donated to the Cancer Council.

UP COMING EVENTS

We are having two fun filled days coming up soon. They are Sunday the 6th and 13th of November. We will be having pony rides all day and a sausage sizzle on the go from 10 am till 3 pm. All the proceeds are going to the Healesville pony club fundraiser.

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Be sure to visit us real soon as our gardens are now in their peak. Call in and have that one on one chat with any queries you have. If you have any roses that you want identified, bring them with you for identification.

We look forward to getting the next newsletter to you about getting that second flush of roses happening with a spiel on how to cut your roses after they finish flowering in Spring. Your rose garden is never going to look better!



All the very best from Pete, Trish Boerlage and all the staff at Magic Garden Roses.

NEWS FLASH !

We can now send out our roses 'POTTED' through mail order. Postage is a little more expensive than bare rooted winter stock and there is still a minimum of three roses per despatch order.