

Magic Garden Roses

Hello to all. We have been inundated with people having problems with their roses looking terrible due to infestations of thrip so we decided to put out a quick newsletter together on taking control of them. From what we can see, it has been from all areas in all states. You may be lucky and not have the problems we are talking about but for those of you that have problems like the pictures shown below:



We have put together a remedy.

So what are thrip. A lot of people cannot even see them as they are so small. We are not talking about those pesky green aphids here. Aphids are the green bugs about the size of a match head that cover the top of the stems and buds in a wet Spring or Autumn. The ones we are talking about are about ten times smaller and light brown in colour. They always attack roses on those hot humid days in the millions. They are attracted to bright colours and that is why the white roses always look the worst followed by the yellows. You can even see them if you look up close to your whites on the washing line on those really hot humid days.



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With the roses, most people don't actually open the buds to take a proper look inside. In some cases we have had customers pulling them out because the guy down the road was a so called rose expert and said they were diseased and it would spread to others. Look - its not rocket science - roses are easy and very forgiving. When it comes to an infestation of insects or blackspot, just use a preventative spray that we recommend and they will always look great. (And do ring us before any body tells you to rip your roses out! Believe me - it has happened a lot more than we could have imagined.)

The best remedy to get rid of thrip is simply Folimat, Rogor, Pyrethrum or Confidor. Normally a quick spray from any of these four products recommended would be



enough to see you through until one month down the track but these thrip have never been more persistent and we have never seen them this early so we are recommending that you do it every 7 to 10 days. If you only have 1,2 or 3 roses then you can buy a number of the pre-made sprays. For those



who have quite a few I would strongly suggest making your own batches as it works out cheaper and then you can mix in Kendon Triforine at the same time. Just remember to fill the bottle up with 50% water before adding any ingredient as putting them in raw can deactivate both products. And most of all - make sure the container you use has never had any type of weed killer in it.

Spraying the insecticide and fungicide together every 7 to 10 days will get your roses looking absolutely magnificent. The thing is, it could be the worst year on record for roses and your roses should still look fantastic. It all comes down to your spraying and feeding program. Do it properly and you will have the best roses you have ever seen. Just remember - with the little effort you put in, you get ten times the joy back, Its amazing how good they can look. The proofs in the pudding - come up and see our gardens in full flower from now until the next 3 weeks and judge for yourselves. The rose gardens have never looked as good as they do now so come up and see us! It would be a shame to miss it and it is free to walk around. For any further information on spraying, just go to our website for all the extra tips. Simply open up the newsletters page and its all there. We also have a small video on mixing the sprays up too. Outside of that you can always call us on 0359 624 500.

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