

Press Release



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The curse of blackspot Give roses a treat with Sulphur Rose. Roses love it – and so do rose growers

Ask any rose grower what is their most common problem and which one is the hardest to control, and there will be a unanimous reply – blackspot.

Yet, with a little planning and care, roses can be strong and healthy and combat this and other diseases. The secret of success is to make an early start – protecting the plants before the problem occurs – and then keeping up the vigilance throughout the year.

Sulphur is the natural enemy of blackspot and in times when sulphur dioxide was present in the atmosphere – as a result of coal-burning fires and industrial pollution, prior to the 1968 Clean Air Act – blackspot was unknown.



Greenacres' Sulphur Rose is a brilliant tonic for roses, helping to produce healthy plants and masses of flowers. It is applied as a liquid, so gets to work immediately. Applying Sulphur Rose to the soil around plants and to the stems during the dormant season, and again when plants are growing, promotes strong healthy growth, prevents yellowing of the leaves, produces good vibrancy and perfect leaves and flowers.

Sulphur Rose is available in a number of pack sizes, ranging from 250g to 2kg, to match the number of roses being grown; prices range from £13-£44. A 250g pack is sufficient to treat up to 20 rose bushes for one year's complete programme. Apply every two to three months in the dormant season, monthly in the growing season.

Notes to Editors

■ Greenacres products are available mail order direct from Greenacres, and can be ordered online through the secure website – www.greenacresdirect.co.uk. The website also contains more information, seasonal hints & tips and special offers.

■ Sulphur Rose is available for reader offers.

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Further product information

Get the best from roses

Roses are one of our favourite plants, but to get the very best from them they need some TLC. That's why Greenacres have perfected two other sulphur-based products to help gardeners get the best from their roses.

Sulphur Soil

The favourite diet of roses is a well-fed, heavy, acidic soil of pH5.5 to 6.5. If the soil pH is greater than pH7 (alkaline), an application of Sulphur Soil in the spring and again in autumn is essential to maintain healthy growth and a profusion of flowers. For soils that are neutral (pH7), one application in the autumn is all that is needed. A soil rich in sulphur also helps make all other soil nutrients available to the plants, so they can take up everything they need from the soil, grow well and bloom profusely.

Nutrarose Micro

Roses are hungry feeders and should be fed with a specific rose fertiliser. Nutrarose Micro contains all the nutrients they need for a happy, healthy life. Just one application in the spring will feed them continuously throughout the growing and flowering season, and the sulphur content also helps maintain the correct soil acidity.

Blackspot & rose care

Blackspot disease spores overwinter in the soil and in nooks and crannies on the rose stems. As temperatures rise in the spring, the disease spores start to become active and are borne on the wind or splashed onto the plant by rain hitting the soil. The disease cycle starts again and the new leaves are attacked.

Always make sure you remove and dispose of all diseased and fallen leaves whenever they're seen, but especially in the autumn.

Pruning back stems in the autumn by up to half will also remove spores overwintering on the stems. And it will reduce the risk of wind rock, which can damage the roots making them more prone to disease.

Correct pruning in late February/early March – removing dead, dying, diseased, damaged, rubbing and crossing stems – will remove more sources of infection. And removing stems that are growing through the centre of the plants will ensure air can move through them, helping to keep the plants even healthier.

Even so-called disease resistant cultivars benefit from regular disease control treatments.

Always ensure roses are growing well; a strong, healthy plant is more likely to fend off pests and diseases than one that is struggling. Always plant in a sunny position, preferably in well-fed, acidic soil.