

# The biggest mistake when growing roses and how to fix it

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**The biggest mistake when growing roses is pruning them in the winter. Instead, prune them in the spring.**

## **Why should roses be pruned in spring?**

**You don't want to trigger new growth before winter.**

If the weather stays warm in the fall and you prune your roses, you may stimulate new growth, which will leave your roses susceptible to frost damage later in the season. When the leaves on your rose bush die in the fall, they transfer carbohydrates to the stem. Pruning while the leaves are still on the plant will deplete this energy reserve in the rootstock.

**Dormant stems can protect your roses**

Leaving the stems (essentially dormant stems) on during the cold season will help provide extra protection to the canopy and insulate your rose plants.



### **Pruning roses in spring helps determine healthy stems**

Pruning in the spring also makes it easier to identify any dead growth from the winter. Since the ideal time to prune roses in the spring is when buds begin to bloom, it's much easier to identify dead branches—those without healthy buds, damaged branches, or diseased branches. Pruning in the spring to remove old or weak branches helps promote strong new growth, she says, because healthy branches produce larger, more beautiful blooms.

### **How to prune roses in spring to help shape the tree beautifully**

Pruning to control shape, size and direction of growth by pruning in the direction of outward facing buds in spring is also much easier when buds begin to bloom but before leaves open.



## How to make roses bloom more beautifully after cutting

### Fertilize plants

Apply a continuous-release fertilizer to the soil around your rose bushes after the leaves begin to bloom. These fertilizers will continue to nourish your precious roses for several months, so you don't have to worry about it.

### Cover the ground

Applying a 2 to 3 inch layer of mulch around your rose plants—but not right up to the trunk—will help retain moisture in the soil, prevent weed seeds from germinating, and regulate soil temperature.

While spring pruning is a general rule, not all roses follow the same pruning schedule and benefit from spring pruning. Climbing roses are an exception. These roses should actually be pruned lightly in the fall to help prevent damage to the stems from winter winds.

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