

# Rescue Your Roses

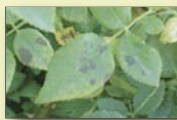


A little watchfulness and simple, early treatment can go a long way toward keeping your roses happy and healthy. But for the times when something does go wrong with your roses, treating them with the most environmentally friendly solutions is good for the roses and your landscape.

Below are six common rose diseases and the safe ways to get rid of the problem. But for immediate control of these diseases, there are some safe chemical solutions that are also effective.



**BLACK SPOT** - appears in the form of black patches on leaves and stems, and thrives in humid, rainy conditions.



**SOLUTION** - One tablespoon of baking soda combined with insecticidal soap or one tablespoon of light horticultural oil in one gallon of water.

**POWDERY MILDEW** - white, powdery appearance of infected leaves and stems - they often look as though someone has sprinkled them with talcum powder or powdered sugar.



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**RUST** - red-orange spots (raised looking like warts) on undersides of leaves and yellow blotches on top surfaces.



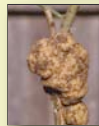
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**CANKER** - stems will yellow, often have red spots and later become brown or black.



**SOLUTION** - Prune out diseased area and destroy. Dip pruners in bleach after each cut to prevent spreading of the disease.

**CROWN GALL** - the rough galls that develop at the crown.



**SOLUTION** - Infected plants should be removed and destroyed along with the soil surrounding the plant.

**ROSE MOSAIC VIRUS** - appear as irregular coloration on the leaves - yellow zigzag patterns, splotching, or vein clearing.



**SOLUTION** - There is no control for this disease, but it is not easily contagious and can't be spread by pruning shears or sucking insects. If you are attached to the plant just live with it.



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