
INTRODUCTION

More and more rose growers are keen to, or have already moved away from a 14 day interval spray programme to control pests and diseases on roses. Others don't grow roses, thinking they require the constant use of toxic chemicals.

This supplement updates the information provided in 'Roses, Cultural Handbook', providing advice for those who wish to grow roses without the constant use of toxic chemicals.

Breeders are developing and producing for the market, more disease resistant roses. With more effective environmentally friendly approaches and products available on the market, this approach is within the reach of the average rose grower.

It does not suggest that strict application of organic solutions is the answer, but rather a mix and match of least toxic controls and natural solutions, using Integrated Pest Management approaches, is one key to changing approaches. The key is to build harmony and balance and boost the natural defences to keep roses healthy and productive.

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FOREWORD

As we now live in an era of increased organic awareness, it is timely that the N Z Rose Society publishes this information for the benefit of its members. I commend the authors for their work. We are very fortunate to be able to share their scientific expertise.

This publication will be a very useful supplement to the cultural handbook that has been the "rose bible" for so many rosarians.

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