

It's Not As Hard As You Think To Grow Beautiful Roses

(NAPSA)—Roses are not only beautiful, they are America's flower. In fact, the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives designated 2002 as the Year of the Rose.

While everyone enjoys receiving roses on special occasions, growing roses can be even more special. "Growing roses makes a home more beautiful and creates a sense of enjoyment and pride," says Bayer Advanced™ spokesman and horticulturist Lance Walheim.

Walheim, who wrote the book *Roses for Dummies*, says roses need at least six hours of sunlight a day, rich soil, proper watering, fertilization, as well as insect and disease control. Here are some helpful tips:

Watering Roses

- Water deeply to wet the entire root zone. Allow the soil to dry partially before watering again.

- To reduce disease problems, water early in the day and try to keep the foliage dry.

Fertilizing Roses & Protecting Plants From Insects

- To keep roses blooming, you should fertilize every six weeks, starting in the spring.

- Continue fertilizing until six weeks before the first frost, to prevent plant damage.

- Beetles, aphids, thrips, whiteflies and other pests like to feed on roses. Bayer Advanced Garden™ Rose and Flower Insect Killer kills these pests and contin-



ues to protect roses and flowers from insects for up to 30 days.

- To fertilize your roses and protect against insects in one easy step, use Bayer Advanced Garden™ 2-In-1 Systemic Rose and Flower Care Ready-To-Use Granules. This product feeds the plant and protects against common insects at the same time. One application protects up to six weeks. What's more, Bayer Advanced Garden™ Rose Care products are the Exclusive Rose Care Products of the Tournament of Roses® Parade.

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