

YOUR GARDEN

Growing Roses Has Never Been Easier

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(NAPSA)—Roses bring a classic beauty to any garden. And thanks to the new heartier varieties of roses on the market, they have never been easier to grow. But even the best rose gardeners can run into insect problems:

- **Aphids:** Small, pear-shaped insects that congregate on new leaves and flower buds, sucking plant juices, leading to plant damage and distorted growth. They come in many colors and secrete a sticky, sugary substance called honeydew that turns black as it becomes infected with sooty mold.

- **Beetles:** Japanese beetles, June beetles and rose chafers are serious pests of roses. They chew holes in the petals and skeletonize leaves.

- **Rose Midge:** If the flowers don't open properly but the rest of the plant is healthy, it may be rose midge. This nearly invisible insect scraps new

growth, particularly flower buds, causing them to shrivel and turn black.

- **Spider Mites:** You can hardly see the culprit but you can definitely see the damage. Spider mites suck plant juices from rose leaves causing them to turn yellowish with a silvery sheen and often drop off. They thrive in hot, dry weather.

- **Thrips:** Thrips feed on rose petals causing them to be deformed and discolored. Buds often fail to open properly.

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