



Groves Guide to...

Pruning Roses in Late Winter

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Cuts should be made 6mm ¼” above and sloping away at a 45° angle from an outward facing bud. Always use a good shape pair of secateurs, cheaper models will crush and bruise the stems.

Climbers

For newly planted roses that are being trained up a pillar or post, wind stems round and round until you reach the pergola.

Cut back the side shoots to 1 or 2 buds from the main canes. Tie any new growth down horizontally, if bare at base: Cut one of the main canes hard back to encourage new growth.

Ramblers

Cut out canes, which have flowered last year, and horizontally train new canes. If the rose is a number of years old, cut back side shoots on the old canes or back to where a new shoot has sprouted.

Hybrid Tea Bush

Prune out weak or diseased canes. Thin out and remove crossing canes. Cut remaining canes to about 20-25cm or 8”-10” to nearest bud. Vigorous varieties benefit from less hard pruning, around 45-60cm or 18-24”

Floribundas

Follow the same steps as with the Hybrid Tea except the main canes will be 30-35cm or 12-14”. Any side shoots cut back by about two thirds or three shoots.

Shrub or New English

Shorten the main canes to a manageable height and side shoots to around two thirds or three to five buds.

After pruning feed with a well balance food.



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