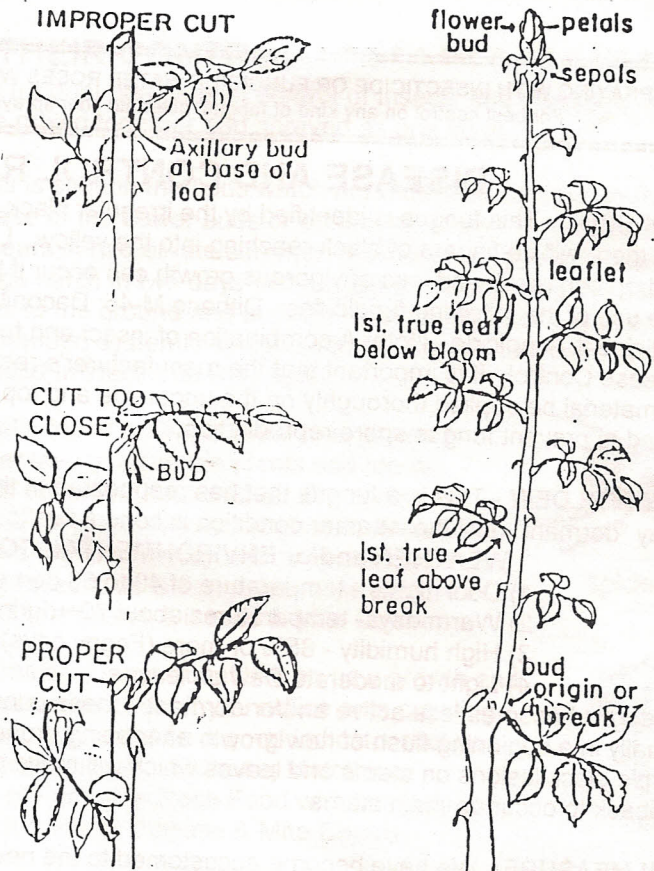


How to Prune

Rose flowers should be cut when the green sepals have folded down on the flower bud and the stem should be cut above a well developed leaf and has a five-leaflet break.

Foliage remaining on the stem encourages new growth and new buds to flower.

Light pruning may be done at any time in the summer to maintain the health of the plants growth; such as, dead wood, dieback and diseased limbs. **HEAVY PRUNING** should be accomplished in January or February depending on the dormancy of plants {see winter pruning picture below}. Plants should be pruned in a manner as to remove interior wood and crossed-hat rack type stems. Keep clippers sterilized with a "bleach" solution (2 Tablespoons per gallon of water). Clippers should cut smoothly. Sharpen with wet stone not a file. Seal cut with a sealant such as; pruning paint, orange shellac, Elmer Glue or white glue.



WINTER PRUNING

HOW TO PRUNE ROSE BUSHES IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY

Winter pruning should be done when frost or freeze danger is over.

Encourage or stimulate your Roses to grow by adding:

- 1 cup Dolomite Limestone
- 1 cup Bone Meal
- 1 cup Milorganite
- 1/4 cup Rose Fertilizer

or

- 1 cup Dolomite Limestone
- 1 cup Rose-tone Fertilizer

Spray with Neutral Copper Fungicide on all canes and on the ground around your rose bushes.

Paint the cut stem with white glue or orange shellac to prevent decay and dieback.

