

## **SOIL TEST INFORMATION SHEET NO. H-840**

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### **Roses**

1. Roses benefit from light, frequent fertilization throughout the growing season (late winter to early fall). Apply fertilizer approximately two weeks after the first pruning of the year, which for roses is typically mid-February (around Valentine's Day).
2. Fertilizer can be broadcast over the soil surface or lightly incorporated into the landscape bed. Slow-release fertilizers provide long-lasting nutrition to support plant needs throughout the season.
3. While specially formulated rose fertilizers are effective, general lawn/landscape fertilizer formulations work as well.
4. Avoid fertilizing after early September to prevent a flush of winter growth.
5. Maintain a proper soil pH for roses, ideally between 6.0 and 6.5. Modify soil pH by lowering with sulfur or raising with dolomitic limestone.
6. Contact your county agent for additional information and help in your fertilization program. The agent also receives a copy of this report for the parish office files.