

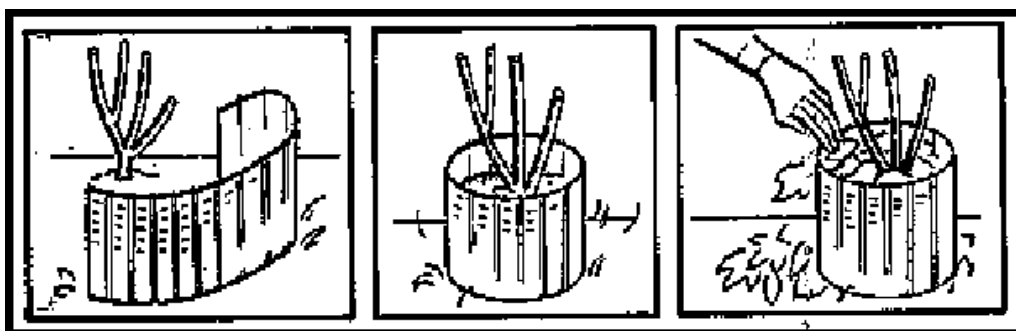
WINTER ROSE CARE

-**Stop fertilizing from August on.** Garden roses slow their growth in preparation for colder weather.

-**Stop pruning from Mid-August on.** Garden roses harden and store nutrients in their canes in preparation for winter.

- **'Grafted' roses, i.e. Hybrid Teas** need the 'graft' 3" below the soil line for added winter protection. If not planted deep enough, add more soil at the base of the rose. The 'graft' is the swelling on the stem below the branches.

-**Use rose collars and mulch to insulate from temperature fluctuations.** Apply after leaves die off from a cold spell. If leaves had any diseases, rake up and dispose of. Mulch can be dried tree leaves, pine needles, dried grass clippings, shredded or chipped bark, soil or a combination of these. Remove in early May.



Rose Collars

-Prune out damaged canes now, but the primary pruning is in *May*.

-**Water** roses up to 2 times during snowless, winter months. Deeply water all of your newly planted trees, shrubs & perennials during dry winter months. Water when the temperature is at least 40 F and there is no snow around the area.

