

BLACKSPOT

Most commonly found on roses this fungal disease shows itself at first as tiny yellow spots on the leaves which grow and develop into larger yellow and dark brown spots which can often cover the whole leaf.

It appears quite unsightly and will cause the leaves to drop at the slightest of touches, and can defoliate an entire bush.

To treat and prevent infection the most effect method is to have a regular spray programme. From early spring start spraying roses fortnightly with Roseclear3, Multirose and Systhane, changing which one you use every month or so.

The second way to help reduce the problem is good hygiene, each year when the leaves have fallen in the autumn clear them away and burn. Follow this with good mulch of organic matter or bark chippings to reduce re-infection and also giving you a headstart for the spring.