

Dear WVNA Owners

SUBJECT: Rose Rosette Virus

If you have roses growing on your property, please pay attention to their appearance. Your beautiful roses may be infected with the Rose Rosette Virus.



Symptoms of the virus:

- Shoots and foliage have an abnormal red color
- Stems appear thick and succulent
- New growth has many branches looking like a witch's broom
- Spiral cane growth
- Deformed buds and flowers



There is no cure for the virus.

- A rose bush that has been infected with the virus should be removed immediately.
- The virus is systematic and moves throughout all parts of the plant, including the roots, and cannot be pruned out.
- Pruning tools used on infected roses should be disinfected before using on other roses to prevent spreading the virus.
- Remove and bag any plant material and roots to prevent spreading.
- Roses should not be replanted in the same area as the virus remains in the ground.

Please inspect your roses and immediately remove any that are diseased. If you need assistance in recognizing the rose rosette virus, please contact Jeannie Hart at evhart68@gmail.com or Bob Erikson at bob.erikson@icloud.com.

For more information about the rose rosette virus, please visit hgic.clemson.edu . In the search bar, key rose rosette virus.

Sincerely

The WVNA Board of Directors