

Collin County Rose Society

Save The Roses !

North Texas has Another Deadly Virus

Rose Rosette Virus is Killing Roses by the Thousands



Typical RRD, but symptoms can vary widely.

Rose Rosette Disease (RRD) is a virus transmitted by a tiny invisible mite. The virus disrupts the DNA of new growth on roses and causes the ugly mutant growth as shown in the photo. The virus spreads throughout the plant and **WILL KILL** the rose plant eventually, ***BUT not just that rose plant***. The tiny mites from infected plants are blown by the wind onto your other roses, your neighbor's roses, the municipal garden's and city park's roses... Everybody's roses !

The tiny mites carry the disease essentially the same way as mosquitos carry West Nile Disease.

There is no cure for the virus. No Spray, no drench, no magic potions and the mites are so tiny that it is almost impossible to kill them with sprays.

Scientists and horticulturalists are diligently working to develop ways to cure, manage or prevent RRD, but in the meantime there is only one known way to stop the spread of the disease:

Infected rose plants must be destroyed...
Dug out, bagged and placed in the trash or recycle
check with your city for their preferred disposal method

The Collin County Rose Society is partnering with Texas AgriLife Extension, Master Gardeners, Other Rose and Plant Societies, Nurseries, Landscape Professionals and commercial Rose Growers to form an alliance dedicated to raising public awareness of this deadly disease destroying roses in the Greater Dallas / Ft Worth Metroplex. The Rose Rosette Eradication Alliance is currently being formed to present a unified voice to the community.

Join us to help save the Roses!
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