

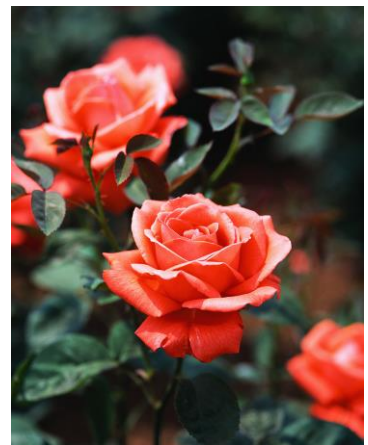
## Pruning Roses (Grandiflora and Hybrid Tea)

Why prune your roses?

- To produce larger flowers
- To maintain shape and appearance
- To remove dead and diseased canes
- To encourage new buds to push at the base and renew the canes

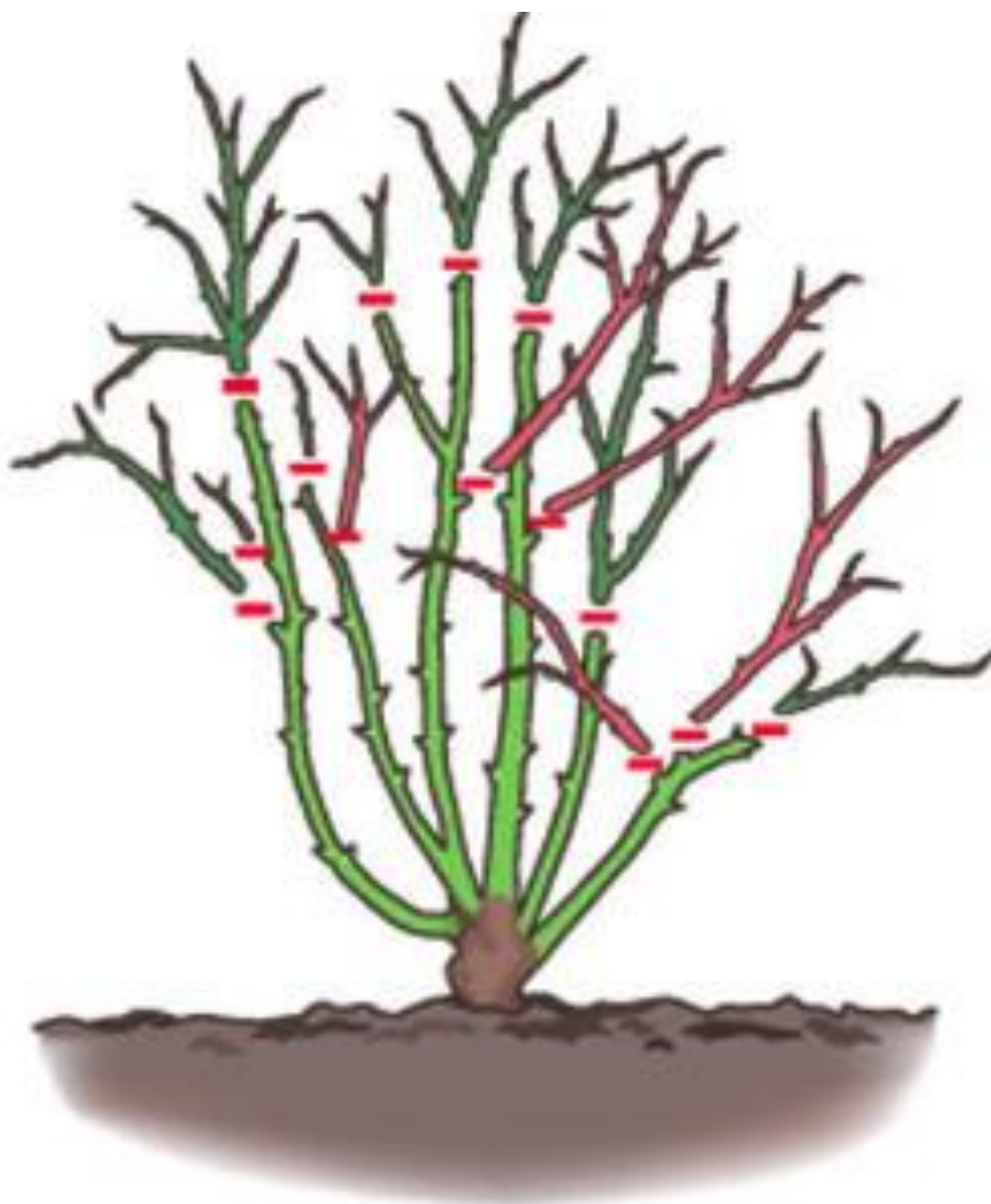
Tools

- Pruning shears
- Loppers
- Saw
- Leather gloves
- Long sleeved shirt



Pruning

- Ideal time is late in the dormant season, January is good for our area
- Begin by cutting away all dead and twiggy growth
- Prune out twisted and intertwined canes
- Select 3 to 7 healthy and vigorous canes that for a vase shape (if you are looking down on the plant it should look like bicycle spokes)
- Prune out the rest of the canes
- Shorten the remaining canes to about 2 ft above the ground
- Be sure all cuts are above on outward facing bud, neither too close or too far away. Ideal cuts are at a 45 degree angle.
- Use sharp pruning shears to make a precise clean cut.



Thanks to Sunset magazine for the above picture.

Come to our Rose pruning workshop Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 at the Colusa County Fairgrounds Grandstand area to learn more.