Winter Care Across the Country

General winter preparation

- Let the last blooms of the season stay on the plant to form hips. This will slow down the growth and help your plant go dormant.
- Rake off and remove all leaves from the rose bed to prevent diseases.
- Apply a dormant spray or oil such as lime sulfur to help get rid of diseases that may return in spring.
- Continue to water your roses regularly if you have little or no winter rainfall.

Zone map for roses

This map divides the US by climatic regions. If you live in zones 8-11, don't worry about protecting your roses during a typical winter. Zones 1-6, and some

regions in zone 7, should follow guidelines at right.

Hybrid tea & floribunda roses

Treat these varieties with a final fungicidal spray prior to the winter season. Cover the crowns with a mound

of soil about 6" high, then cover the plants and mound with straw. You don't need to trim back hybrid teas and shrubs unless you live where winter winds are severe.



Tree roses

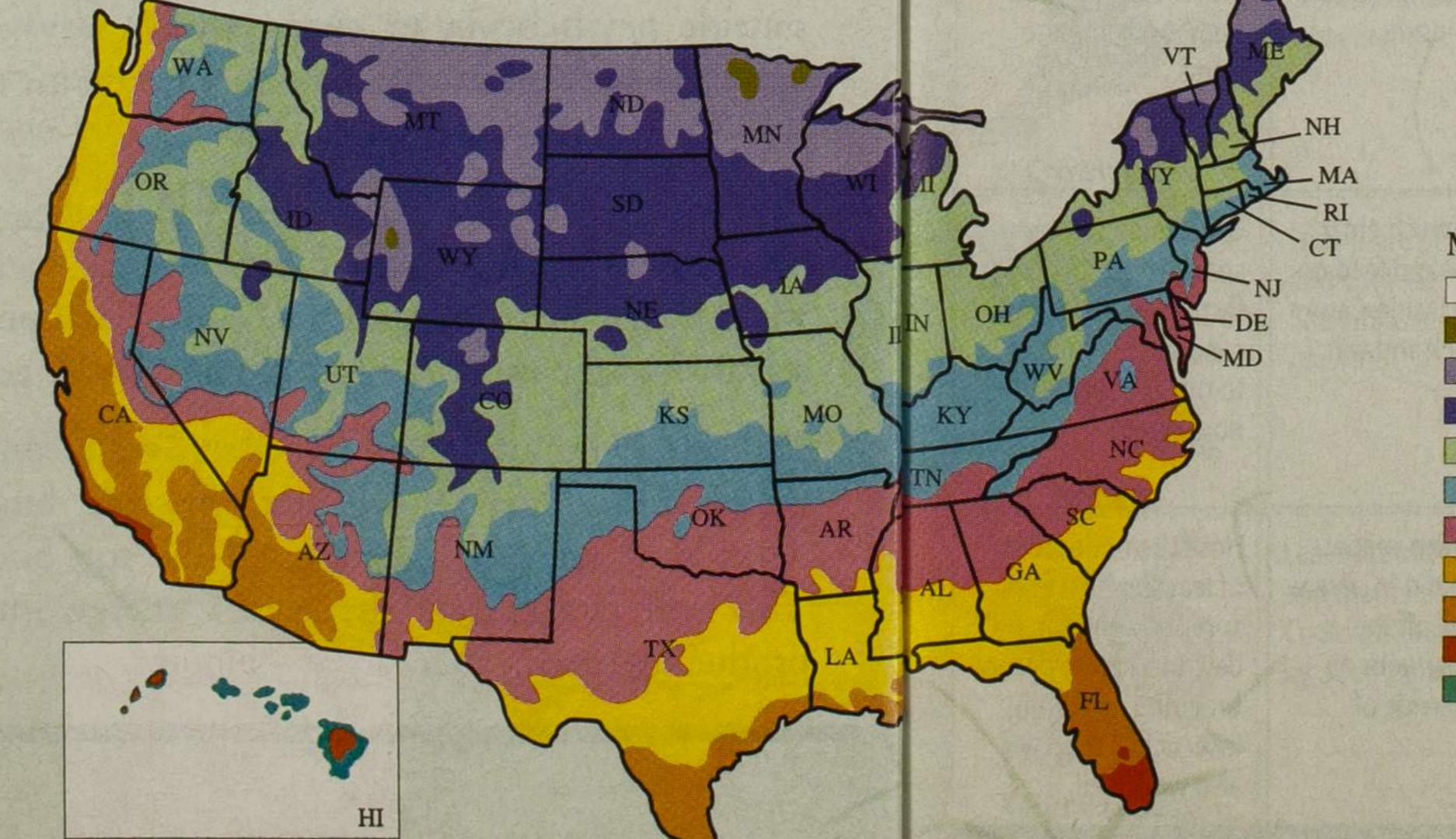
In areas where winter temperatures are below 10°, remove any stakes and gently dig away soil on one side. Bend your tree rose

downward to the ground and cover it with straw first, then soil.



Climbing & groundcover roses

Cover the base of your climbers with soil. Tie the canes and wrap them in burlap. For severe-winter areas, anchor the canes to the ground and cover them with straw.



ZONES BASED ON THE FOLLOWING AVERAGE MINIMUM TEMPERATURES

- ZONE 1 Below -50° F. ZONE 2 -50 to -40° F. ZONE 3 -40 to -30° F. ZONE 4 -30 to -20° F. ZONE 5 -20 to -10° F. ZONE 6 -10 to 0° F. ZONE 7 0 to 10° F. ZONE 8 10 to 20° F. ZONE 9 20 to 30° F.
- ZONE 10 30 to 40° F.

 ZONE 11 Above 40° F.