Caring For Your Roses

Roses are 86% water! We are 75% water.
Roses drink their food.
Water equals blooms.
Most people do NOT water enough and that is what usually kills them. We recommend feeding organic fertilizer every 3-4 weeks during the growing season. This keeps their immunity up and keeps them blooming well. Also give a sprinkle of epsom salts every 4-6 weeks. Most people do NOT feed their roses often enough.

But besides the above, the main way to keep the black spot fungus at bay is to visit your rose on a daily or every other day basis, and GROOM the rose, using garden scissors to cut off ugly leaves, pruners to cut off any dieback. Keep containers around to collect this and throw it away when half full. Then you are eliminating spores and observing anything out of place.

First Comes the Pest, and Then Comes the Predator

The more beneficial insects and predators in your garden, the less issues you will have with insect damage. They become your working army. Remember 95% of all insects seen and unseen are good guys! The Divine Intelligence of Nature is set up so that the pests (food) is put out first and then come the Predators to eat them. When you use sprays (chemical or natural) to eliminate the pests, you are ROBBING the food from the Predators and they will have nothing to eat and will leave your garden. They keep it in balance if they are not killed off by all the sprays and systemic fertilizers. This means much less work for you the gardener and leaves more time to groom and enjoy your roses.

Your roses are just as happy to see you as you are to see them

Establish a relationship where you visit on a daily basis to determine what your rose needs: more or less water, nutrition, cleaning.
Then they will reward you with more blooms, bigger blooms, more often. Observation goes a long way in catching problems early!