

A Novel Approach to Pruning: Using a Hedge Trimmer!

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I'm following up from last month's article and picture which appeared in the newsletter. I must say that the use of the cordless hedge trimmer really did work quite well. It took some getting used to at first but once I got into a good rhythm it went fairly quickly. I tried doing just a few bushes at first and then stop and finish up a bush. I decided that wasn't the best use of the tool so I decided to go for it for the entire garden. The battery life was really good. I was able to complete 98% of the garden on one battery charge!

The picture order below is a step by step process of how a bush can be pruned. Hedge trimmer, loppers, clean inside of bush, strip the leaves and done in 5 minutes!

During January and February I have put in a new raised garden and planted some new miniatures and minifloras. I'm adding approximately another 20-25 more roses this year. I removed some plants and relocated some. I cleaned out all of the inline filters of my Netafim system. On February 14th I will do my first feeding. And I'm probably going to start my feeding of water soluble fertilizer in my EZ-Flow system very soon after this, due to the fact that we really haven't gotten any rain to speak of. I'm also going to put down a bit of steer manure and make up some tea on a problem area that I have.

'Pruning Roses with a Hedge Trimmer 101'

