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FERTILIZATION AND PRODUCT GUIDE

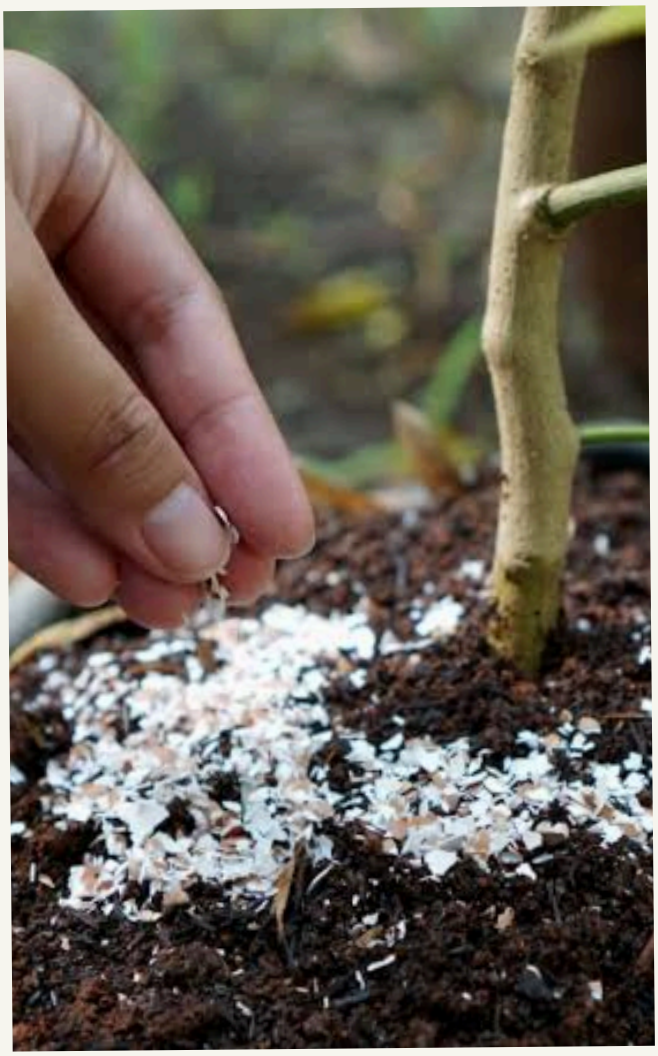
Fertilization can play an important role in supporting the long-term health and appearance of your landscape. The goal of fertilization is to provide plants with nutrients that may be lacking in the soil and help support healthy roots, growth, and resilience to environmental stress.

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DOES MY LANDSCAPE NEED FERTILIZER?

Not every plant needs additional fertilizer at all times. Soil conditions, plant type, age, location, and overall plant health can all influence nutrient needs. Newly installed plants should be given time to establish, and excessive fertilization can sometimes encourage unnecessary top growth before a strong root system has developed.

As landscapes mature, properly timed fertilization can help support healthy growth, color, root development, and overall plant vigor.



WHEN SHOULD I FERTILIZE?

Timing depends on the plant and product being used. In general:

- Spring is a common time to fertilize as plants begin active growth
- Fall applications can help support root development and overall plant health
- Avoid excessive fertilization during periods of heat, drought, or other environmental stress
- Avoid applying more fertilizer than recommended—more is not always better
- Always follow the application instructions provided on the product label

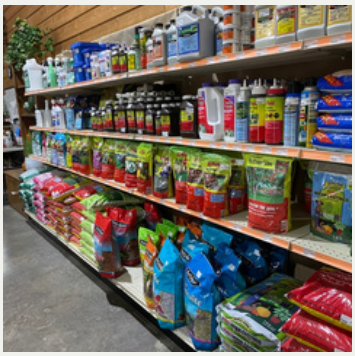
APPLYING FERTILIZER

For trees and shrubs, fertilizer should be applied throughout the active root zone rather than concentrated directly around the trunk or base of the plant. Tree roots can extend well beyond the outer canopy of the tree.

Granular fertilizers generally need to be watered into the soil following application unless rainfall is expected. Always follow the individual product label for proper application rates, timing, and watering instructions.

HELPFUL LANDSCAPE PRODUCTS







FERTI-LOME TREE & SHRUB FOOD

·A granular fertilizer designed to provide supplemental nutrients to established trees and shrubs and support healthy growth and overall plant vigor.

FERTI-LOME ROOT STIMULATOR

·Often used during or following planting to support early root development and help newly installed plant material establish.

FERTI-LOME & HI-YIELD INSECT CONTROL

·Both contact sprays and systemic products are available for managing certain landscape insects. Contact products generally control insects they reach directly, while systemic products are absorbed by the plant and provide longer-lasting protection against certain pests.

BOBBEX ANIMAL REPELLENT

·A topical repellent that can help discourage deer and other animals from browsing or damaging susceptible landscape plants.

BEFORE APPLYING ANY PRODUCT

Correctly identifying the problem is important before applying fertilizer, insecticide, or other landscape products. Wilting, discoloration, leaf drop, or poor growth can be caused by watering, drainage, weather, insects, disease, or other environmental conditions not simply a lack of fertilizer. Always read and follow product labels before use. If you are unsure what your landscape needs, our team can help with general recommendations and product selection.