



Garden Talk

Best Mountain Food

Better Plants & Better Advice

Three things are sure in our High Altitude gardens - terrible soil, alkaline water and little naturally occurring plant food. The correct feeding cycle in the landscape makes all the difference.

There is no need for Miracle Gro or Ironite supplements with a quality granular plant food. The best plant food will provide nutrients over a long period of time including iron and other trace elements needed for proper plant development.



Feed 3 Times a Year

Spring = Start-N-Grow + Soil Sulfur
Summer = Start-N-Grow + Soil Activator
Fall = Winterizer

Spring - "Start-N-Grow" by fertilome is the best granular plant food in Spring & Summer. Feed everything in the yard by using a hand spreader. Apply at recommended rates, but the soil will look 'salty' & 'peppered' when complete. Food will release in small amounts every time it rains or you irrigate.



Another benefit of a slow released plant food is the margin for mistake. It is much harder to burn plants with a slow released food. Try to keep granules from staying on foliage. This food is also excellent for vegetables and container plants both inside and out.



Spring + Soil Sulfur is the secret to the best Spring gardens ever. Our mountain water will work against you because of our high pH. The clue is in the white ring that builds up in our toilets and bathtubs. This also builds up in the soil.

Soil Sulfur - counteracts or high pH and helps plants grow richer greens and brighter colors. Apply once to the entire landscape with the Spring feeding for maximum beauty, silver blues from natives, larger roses, taller perennials and profuse annuals. Even grasses benefit.

Summer - "Start-N-Grow" feeding is the same as spring feeding. Apply as soon as the first monsoon clouds form in July for continue growth, better colors and more flowers.



Summer + Soil Activator is the secret to the best Summer gardens ever. Encourage deeper roots from your plants in Summer. This all organic activator feeds the soil and encourages plants to send out new roots deep within the soil. This is essential during times of drought.

Fall - "Winterizer" by fertilome is an entirely different plant food designed specifically to encourage plants to store food away in the root structure much like a bear stores fats for their winter hibernation. Plants will use this stored food to battle the harsh cold to come, and set next springs flower and leaf buds to come.

Winterizer is the most important feeding of the year for perennial beds, fruit trees, evergreens and bulbs that will spend the winter in your landscape. The best window of feeding is October through Christmas.



Don't Rake it In. No need to work any further. As water releases the food from the granules it will work its way to the plant.

Landscape fabric is no problem with any of the mentioned foods. Each will flow through weed fabrics and become available to plants as water releases them.

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