

Planting & Fertilizing

ANNUALS

- Plant annuals in premium potting soil (Fafard, Fertilome, etc).
- Make sure there is proper drainage in the container or ground.
- Moisten the soil.
- Separate roots of plants (give the plants feet).
- Water plants as needed in the cool of the morning or evening, water longer but less often, give the plants a chance to dry out.
- 1-3x/week, fertilize plants with a water soluble fertilizer: Jack's Bloom Booster (10-20-30), Jack's Petunia Food (20-6-22) or Fertilome Blooming & Rooting Fertilizer (9-58-8).
- Apply all purpose 12-12-12 Sustane time release fertilizer to all plants (good for 3 months).

PERENNIALS, NURSERY STOCK & TREES

- Dig a hole 2x as wide and 2x as deep as the container.
- Plant in 1 part Topsoil, 1 part Leaf Compost and 1 part sand.
- Use Root Stimulator (4-10-3). Water plants first then use stimulator for transplanted nursery stock.
- Water 3x per week, rain or shine - for the first 3 months.
- Apply 12-12-12 Sustane time release fertilizer to all plants (good for 3 months) and every summer.
- For general care, many plants will benefit from application of system insecticide and fungicide.
- Sprinkle Bonide's Tree, Shrub & Insect control on trees and shrubs and water in, works systematically, apply 1x a year, best if applied in fall but can apply at initial planting.
- A tip to get Lilacs to bloom - mix a 12 oz. can of white soda to a 5 gallon pail of water and water in the shrubs 2x a year with this mixture.

FERTILIZATION

Different plants require different "diets".
(NITROGEN - PHOSPHORUS - POTASSIUM)

Nitrogen: Promotes dark green color in plants, aids in top growth of the plants. Found organically in Blood Meal.

Phosphorus: Promotes healthy plant blooms and roots.
Found organically in Bone Meal.

Potassium: Promotes strong stalk structure & helps resist disease.
Found organically in Muriate of Potash and Kelp Meal.

Fertilizers come in many forms - slow release, water soluble & organic. Always apply fertilizer according to package instructions. Only apply fertilizer to the ground around the plant (foliar feed excluded). It is best to fertilize in the cool of the morning. Apply fertilizer around the drip line of large shrubs and trees.