

A GUIDE TO FERTILISERS

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Sulphate of Ammonia	Nitrogen & Sulphur supplier for healthy growth and Rich green leaves	1oz/sq yd top dress Spring & Summer only
Ammonium Nitrate	Supplies nitrogen	16oz/sq yd for acid soil. 8oz/sq yd for vegetable plot
Nitro Chalk	Supplies ammonium nitrate with lime and chalk. Promotes healthy growth quickly for brassicas & root veg	1oz/sq yd top dressing April to September
Superphosphate	Top dressing particularly in Spring around flowering plants.	1oz per sq yd Sprinkle lightly, once a year
Nitrate of soda	Quick source of Nitrogen to stimulate early spring growth. Apply after last frost then every 6-8 weeks	1oz/sq yd top dressing
Nitrate of potash	Supplies nitrogen and potash for early spring crops Apply direct to soil as top dressing	1 teasp to 1 gallon of water 1-2 oz per sq yd
Sulphate of potash	Quick acting fertiliser to improve flower and fruit quality and potatoes. Fork in twice during growing season	1 oz per sq yd around plants But not next to the stems
Sulphate of iron	Useful for Azaleas, Camellias, Rhododendrons, Heathers etc. Be careful it will stain paving & stonework	1 oz per sq yd. Just once During growing season
Bonemeal	Encourages strong and healthy root growth. It is slow release and safe for young plants and bulbs	Base dressing 3oz per sq yd Top dressing 2oz per sq yd.
Fish, Blood and Bone	Contains Bonemeal, dried blood and fishmeal with some Potash. Use anywhere in garden from March to October	Every 6 weeks, top dressing 3 oz per sq yd
Dried blood	Nitrogen based, good for lettuce & corn. Top dress Or mix in water. Good for bulbs and veg and compost.	2 oz sq yd top dressing
Garden Lime (Do not mix with fertilisers)	Improves structure and drainage of heavy soils, good for Buddleia, Daphne, Forsythia, Broom and Lilac Good for beans, carrots, lettuce, parsnips, brassicas	4oz per sq yd general use
Calcified Seaweed	Good all round fertiliser to stimulate root growth	Base dressing 4oz per sq yd Top dressing 2oz per sq yd
Chicken manure pellets	Top dressing contains organic matter & trace elements	
Grow Organic	100% organic fertiliser It conditions the soil, breaks up clay soils and promotes vigorous root growth	Lawns 2-3oz per sq yd Sowing 1oz per sq yd
Growmore	Incorporate this into the soil 1 week before planting Can be used on flowers, fruit and veg with safety	4 oz per sq yd dug in 2 oz per sq yd top dressing
Chempak Base fertiliser	Mainly for making soil-less composts for seedlings	Apply as per packet label
Phostrogen	Soluble fertiliser high in potash. Use for flowers and fruiting plants like tomatoes	Apply as per packet label
Miracle Gro	All purpose plant food for anything in the garden	Apply as per packet label
Osmocote	Controlled-release plant food, releasing nutrients for up to 6 months and releases food when soil warms up	Apply as per packet label
Maxicrop	For use on established plants	Apply as per packet label
Rose fertiliser	High in Potash, use for flowering shrubs and roses Start to use mid-March at first signs of growth	4 oz per sq yd firstly then 2 oz per sq yd until August
John Innes Base	Balanced general fertiliser. Use as base dressing before planting because the nitrogen is slow release.	4 oz per 8 gallons of water 4 oz per sq yd base dressing
Q4 Base	Vitax Q4 is a general fertiliser for flowers, fruit, but is a bit expensive for outside use	2-3oz per sq yd once or twice in a season

