

HILDEBRANT NURSERIES

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FERTILIZING HEALTHY PLANTS

The following instructions are for applying normal maintenance fertilizer only, to healthy plants. If your plants are performing poorly, are sick, off color, injured, or have damage from insects, wildlife, or water problems, you should ask for, and follow the specific instructions on, our hand out "Relieving Stress in Plants". The instructions on this sheet are NOT meant to be used on plants with poor health or performance.

TIME OF APPLICATIONS: Apply fertilizer to healthy plants three times a year:
APRIL FIRST
JUNE FIRST
SEPTEMBER FIRST

TYPE OF FERTILIZER TO USE: The best general fertilizer to use for plants is the granular , chemical, commercial form of:

10-6-4 FERTILIZER

IMPORTANT ---Use only the agricultural type of 10-6-4 !!
Do not use the organic form of 10-6-4 to feed woody plants.

HOW MUCH TO USE FOR SHRUBS:

<u>PLANT SIZE</u>	<u>QUANT. TO APPLY</u>
SMALL (12-24")	2 Handfuls
MEDIUM (24-36")	3-4 handfuls
LARGE (36-48")	5-6 handfuls
EXTRA LARGE 48-72")	6-8 handful

HOW TO APPLY THE FERTILIZER:

Cast the fertilizer loosely, and spread uniformly, within the drip line of the plant (the drip line is the outermost periphery of the foliage of the plant). Do not leave the fertilizer in small piles, it must be spread around. The fertilizer must be completely on the ground. Do not allow it to stay on the foliage of the plant, it will burn the foliage. Use a garden hose, with a brisk stream, to wash granules of the fertilizer off the foliage.

MULCHING YOUR PLANT is important. Commercial Bulk Pine Bark is the only type of mulch that we recommend, as it is not an acid causing mulch. This is especially critical for Boxwood as they are NOT an acid loving plant. All other forms of mulch will cause a acid soil condition, which can critically damage many plants. You apply your fertilizer right on top of the pine bark, you do not need to work it in. Do not use an acid type plant fertilizer on Boxwood or similar plants.