



# **Types of Fertilizer**

General-purpose (10-10-10, 16-4-8)

Slow-release Organic Liquid

# **Selecting a Fertilizer**

**Consider:** 

- Cost
- Type of plants to be fertilized
- Site conditions
- Growth response required
- Soil test results

**General Fertilization** 

16-4-8, 12-4-8

**New Plantings** 

10-10-10, 8-8-8, 13-13-13

### Forms of Slow-release Nitrogen

- IBDU (Isobutylene diurea)
- Sulfur-coated urea
- Ureaformaldehyde

# Business Staff Nonger, (% 12.00% Staff Nonger, (%) 10.00% Staff Nonger, (%) 60.00% Staff Nonger, (%)







# **Fertilization Frequency**

**Depends on:** 

- The type of fertilizer and its release duration
- The type of plants being fertilized
- The desired growth rate

Fertilizing Established Plants How Much to Apply?

> **1 pound of nitrogen** per **1,000 square feet**

## <u>16-4- 8</u>

10/16 = 0.6 lbs. per 100 sq. ft.

2 cups of dry, granular fertilizer = 1 lb. Therefore, approximately 1 cup (1/2 lb.) of 16-4-8 will be needed per 100 sq. ft. of bed area.

50 ft.  

$$f(x) = \frac{50 \text{ ft.}}{5 \text{ ft. } x 50 \text{ ft. } = 250 \text{ sq. ft.}}$$
  
 $16 - 4 - 8 = 0.6 \text{ lbs./100 sq. ft.}$   
 $\frac{0.6}{100} = \frac{x}{250}$  X = 1.5 lbs. (3 cups)



















# **Drip Irrigation**

Uses 30% to 50% less water than sprinkler irrigation Avoids spraying foliage so diseases are less likely to occur

No spray drift

Only need to water 25% of the root area



# Monitor the Output of Your Sprinkler System



# Adjust timers frequently according to changes in rainfall patterns





# Target irrigation to plants that show signs of stress

- Gray/green Color
- Wilting
- Dying Branches

Use a hand-held hose with water breaker or a sprinkler can to target irrigation to plants that need water

For most efficient use of water, irrigate between 9 pm and 9 am to avoid evaporative loss of water.

Avoid light, frequent irrigation because it encourages shallow rooting and increases water demand of the plant.























# **Three T's for Proper Pruning**

- Using the appropriate TOOL
- Using the correct TECHNIQUE
- Pruning at the right TIME



















































# **Renewal Pruning**



Never do renewal pruning in fall or early winter Do renewal pruning 4 to 6 weeks before spring growth begins





Year 1: Remove half the growth Thinning and heading cuts



**Remove other** half of old wood



Shrub is now smaller

# **Do Not Severely Prune**

Conifers (Pine, Spruce, Juniper) Boxwood







B: too wide an angle C: too far from the bud D: too close the bud

















Removing a large branch







Prune just outside the branch collar











Pruning Broadleaf Evergreen Trees **Spring vs. Summer Flowering** 

**Prune spring-flowering** plants after they bloom

**Prune summer**flowering plants before new growth begins

# **Spring Flowering Plants**

- Azalea
- Dogwood
- Forsythia
- Redbud
- Oakleaf Hydrangea Rhododendron
- Flowering Cherry
- Flowering Quince
- Bradford Pear
- Wisteria

# Summer Flowering Plants

Crapemyrtle **Glossy Abelia Goldenrain Tree Rose-of-Sharon** (Althea) Nandina Shrub Roses Sweetshrub







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