

FERTILIZERS

There are two types of fertilizers, organic and inorganic.

1. ORGANIC FERTILIZERS

Often referred to as natural fertilizers, they are made from manures fish, seaweed, blood and bone etc. Organic fertilizers are slow acting as they have to break down, by means of bacterial action in the media, before becoming useful to plants. They have the benefit of not burning leaves and roots, the oil in fish type fertilizers help to protect the plants from scale and aphids. Some organics have trace elements added to improve their all-round quality. A wetting agent is not used when applying them, definitely NOT ALGINOX.

2. INORGANIC FERTILIZERS

These need to be used early in the morning to avoid burning, the plants will respond quicker to this type of fertilizer, as there is no break-down period for the plants to be able to use it. To change over from high Nitrogen summer fertilizers to low Nitrogen, high Phosphorus-Potassium Fertilizers for the winter, I mix the two fertilizers about four weeks before the equinox(22nd March and 22nd September) decreasing the summer one and increasing the winter one in March. The reverse is carried out in September.

Remember, do not over-fertilize, you'll damage the plants and waste you money.