

FALL LAWN FERTILIZATION & WINTERIZATION



WHEN TO APPLY?

APPLY WINTERIZER/FALL FERTILIZER FROM MID OCTOBER TO MID-END OF NOVEMBER IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

FALL FERTILIZER SHOULD BE APPLIED WHEN SHOOT GROWTH SLOWS, AND WHEN FAVORABLE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS ARE PRESENT, SUCH AS SHORTER DAYS AND COOLER TEMPERATURES.

WHY?

NITROGEN APPLIED AT THIS TIME AIDS THE PHOTOSYNTHETIC PRODUCTION OF CARBOHYDRATES THAT ARE STORED FOR USE THE FOLLOWING GROWING SEASON.

THIS PROVIDES FOR AN EARLIER SPRING GREEN-UP AND AN ENERGY SOURCE FOR TURF GRASSES TO RECUPERATE FROM DROUGHT AND OTHER STRESSES. FALL FERTILIZATION ALSO PROVIDES SOME ADDED COLD HARDINESS PROTECTION TO YOUR TURF.

OF ALL SEASONS YOU SHOULD CHOOSE TO FERTILIZE YOUR LAWN, FALL IS THE MOST IMPORTANT. (ANY SPRING AND SUMMER FERTILIZER PIGGYBACKS ON THE COLOR AND DENSITY OF TURF THAT FALL FERTILIZATION PROVIDES.

WHAT TO APPLY?

AT THIS TIME OF YEAR (NOVEMBER), YOU SHOULD BE CHOOSING A SYNTHETIC FERTILIZER SUCH AS RAINBOW GARDENS 18-6-12 FORMULA. (ORGANIC FERTILIZER SHOULD HAVE BEEN APPLIED MID SEPTEMBER - MID OCTOBER).

ADDED BONUS:

A WELL-FED, HEALTHY LAWN PROVIDES THE BEST PROTECTION FROM TURF DISEASE LIKE BROWN PATCH.

YOU CAN ALSO GIVE YOUR TREES AND SHRUBS A DOSE OF THE SAME 18-6-12 FERTILIZER. FALL PROVIDES THE BEST ELEMENTS (MORE RAIN, MILD TEMPS) FOR PLANTS TO BE MORE RECEPTIVE TO TAKING UP NUTRIENTS.

FUN FACTS

MINT [MENTHA]



- Use in teas, infused drinks (and mojitos!)
- Middle Eastern salads, with lamb and sauces.
- Add pep to desserts like ice cream and cakes.



THE PLANT

- A deciduous perennial herb.
- Avg. height: up to 24".
- Avg. width: spreads indefinitely.
- Best in morning sun/afternoon shade in San Antonio

TRICKS OF THE TRADE

As noted above, mint spreads indefinitely. You may find yourself needing mojito intervention!

Plant in containers, or if desired in the garden, cut the bottom off a plastic pot and bury the pot in the garden and then plant mint in the pot to keep its roots contained. (We warned you!)



KEEP MOIST

Mint likes consistently moist soil, but it still needs to be well drained.

Hot spells may require even more water.



GO AHEAD AND CUT IT

Mint responds well to pruning. Cut back about 1/3 of the plant after flowering.



This encourages a flush of fresh leaves. Don't be afraid to chop it all the way down if it gets spindly

You know most likely know about peppermint and spearmint, but there are SO many more varieties of mint to try!

Look for these mint varieties: Chocolate, Apple, Orange Bergamot, Ginger, Eau de Cologne, Pineapple, Corsican, Lime, Berries and Cream and more!