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Memorial Day is a great day to honor our fallen soldiers who have protected our freedom. It also marks the second time to fertilize your trees and shrubs for the year. If you want to buy only one fertilizer for most of your trees and shrubs, then we recommend our Treeland All-Purpose Fertilizer.

## **LAWNS**

With nighttime temperatures warming up, your Bermuda lawn will continue to thrive. Use Turf Royale or Fertilome™ Southwest Greenmaker every 6 to 8 weeks to ensure your lawn stays the greenest on the block all summer long. Both products will have your neighbors asking “What do you use to make your lawn look so green?”

Water your summer lawn no more than 2 to 3 days a week for 10 to 20 minutes each time. To avoid fungal or disease problems in your lawn, be sure to water in the early morning only (i.e. between 4 am and 6 am). A moist lawn overnight can cause fungus to thrive, so never water in the afternoon or evening. To help treat or prevent Pearl Scale in your lawn apply Imidacloprid to protect it all summer long.

If your lawn is older, patchy, and thin then now is a great time to dethatch your lawn. Dethatching your lawn will remove the thatch barrier created and allow water and fertilizer to penetrate to the root system much more efficiently. Dethatching can be done every 2 to 3 years.

If necessary, seed can be planted in an older or thin lawn to fill in the bare areas. We carry both Blackjack Bermuda seed and Common Bermuda seed. If you are trying to match an existing lawn that was originally laid as sod, then Blackjack will be the best match to the color and texture. We recommend a rate of 3 pounds per 1000 square feet for both varieties.

## **CITRUS**

When fertilizing citrus we recommend using our Treeland All-Purpose Fertilizer along with gypsum as a supplement. The calcium contained in Gypsum aids in the fruit quality and development of the fruit. After applying both, follow with a deep watering.

Citrus trees will drop some young fruit as the temperatures continue to rise. There is no need to worry because the tree is naturally thinning itself out. Also, don't forget to protect the trunk of younger trees

from sunburn. Deformed or curled leaves are the sign of an insect known as thrip. The damage is purely aesthetics and does not affect the health of the tree.

## **QUEEN PALMS**

Many homeowners we talk to only apply only manganese to their Queen Palms thinking it will cure their palms problems. While manganese does help cure and prevent many problems it should only be thought of as a supplement to a regular All-Purpose or Palm Tree fertilizer. Think of the fertilizer as the actual food for palms that provides the necessary nutrients for the palm to survive. Manganese should be viewed as a vitamin supplement to that fertilizer. Both of these products will work in combination to help the palm perform well.

We use and recommend a combination of two different products to cure Queen Palm problems, Treeland Premium All-Purpose Fertilizer and Growmore Palm Food Micronutrients. We recommend fertilizing with this combination of products 3 times a year, starting with the first feeding around mid-February, the second in early June, and again in early September.

## **WATERING**

As the temperatures increase so will your trees and shrubs thirst for water. Run your drip system more in the terms of hours as opposed to just minutes. For most landscape trees and shrubs it is best to water long, deep, and less often than it is to water for 15 to 30 minutes every day or every other day. The key is to water deeply and let the plant dry out before watering again.

## **VEGETABLES**

Just a reminder to use shade cloth to prepare and protect your vegetables from the summer sun as temperatures continue to climb.

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