Turf and Landscape Fertilization

Today on Gardening in a Minute: turf and landscape fertilization.

Plants and grasses need nutrients to grow and typically get them from the soil. But sometimes we apply fertilizer to help them along. Apply the right type of fertilizer at the right time for best results.

Your landscape plants may need a different fertilizer than your turfgrass. Sometimes, specific plants, like azaleas or palms, need a special formulation of fertilizer.

Plants also benefit from the right amount of fertilizer.

Overfertilizing can aggravate pest problems, stimulate excessive growth, and lead to the need for frequent watering. It can also cause pollution of our waterways and groundwater.

Typically, fertilizer with some slow-release content is the best choice and may help protect the environment.

Before you apply any fertilizer, make sure you read and understand the label, and that you follow all label instructions.

For more information about fertilizing, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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