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## **Fertilizing Your Citrus Tree**

Today on Gardening in a Minute: fertilizing your citrus tree.

Now's the time to start fertilizing your citrus.

When citrus are young, fertilizer will stimulate vigorous growth of leaves and branches. After your tree is established, you'll need to replace the nutrients that it used up in fruit production to provide enough nutrients to keep it growing.

When selecting a fertilizer, choose a citrus special-type product. Young trees should be fertilized with light but frequent doses throughout the growing season. Apply fertilizer in a three-foot-diameter circle around the tree.

After the third year, fertilize your citrus four to five times per year. Fertilizer should be applied to the area directly under the tree canopy, all the way to its edge or slightly beyond. Spread the fertilizer evenly and don't ever mound it against the trunk.

For more information about citrus and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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