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EXPERT ADVICE

PROPER PREPARATION

To ensure your lawn gets off to the best possible start, grows well in all conditions and stays perfect all year long, it is essential that you prepare the soil first.

The leafy growth of your grass can only be as good as the condition of the soil below will allow. An open, well-aerated soil will provide three important factors:

- The roots of grasses are encouraged to grow to a greater depth, which reduces drought stress in summer and cold damage in winter.
- Nutrients will be fully used in the deeper root zone.
- Most importantly of all – water can pass through the soil surface to the root zone where it is needed, not wallowing on the surface where it encourages moss and algae.

ALWAYS GET THE BEST RESULTS

To ensure you get the best results you should prepare the soil well before sowing.

- 1** Thoroughly dig over the area to a depth of about 23cm (9in) removing the roots of any perennial weeds, large stones and, if on heavy clay soils, any solid clay layers.
- 2** If the soil is clay, sand or chalk, add a light dressing of organic matter, such as compost or composted bark, to improve the surface seed bed. This will help ensure good germination and subsequent growth.

- 3** Lightly firm the soil by walking over the area with your weight on your heels. Rake the soil level.



- 4** Leave for two weeks before sowing to allow weed seeds to germinate; hoe off any that appear.

Rake the soil level to achieve a uniform, crumbly surface ready for sowing.

- 5** Apply a lawn fertiliser (see page 7) or NUTRANATURAL MICRO (page 9).
- 6** For best results the soil temperature should be 10-25C (50-77F).

Lawns to be proud of

To produce a quality, good looking lawn that lives up to your expectations, you need to start with quality grass seed.

Greenacres offer a superb range of six quality lawn seed mixes – one for every situation, condition and use. To select which is the best for you, consider your soil type and what the lawn is used for.

Greenacres' mixes contain balanced mixtures of grass types for specific uses; for instance, lawns that take a lot of wear and tear need a higher content of tough grass species, such as perennial ryegrass.

All the grasses used are approved and recommended by the Sports Turf Research Institute.

TENNIS

A premier dwarf perennial ryegrass mix for a top quality, hard-wearing lawn. This mixture tolerates close mowing and produces a dense lawn with a strong root structure.

Suitable for both rotary and cylinder mowers.



CROQUET

A premier non-ryegrass mix for a top quality fine lawn. This mixture produces a fine-bladed turf with a smooth surface and good year-round colour.

Suitable for cylinder mowers.

BADMINTON

This non-ryegrass mixture is ideal for ornamental lawns that need to withstand reasonable wear and tear. It's also a good choice for light soils.

Suitable for both rotary and cylinder mowers.

LANDSCAPE

A versatile all-round dwarf perennial ryegrass mix, suitable for an ornamental lawn that needs to withstand heavy wear and tear. Also suitable for moderate shade.

Suitable for rotary mowers.

ALL WEATHER

This is the ideal seed mixture for both very wet or drought-tolerant lawns. It is the result of significant advances in breeding tall fescues, providing fine leaves, dense shoots and an attractive, hard-wearing alternative to ryegrass.

Tall fescue roots can penetrate the soil up to a depth of 1m (1yd) and, combined with sheep's fescue, this is an ideal grass blend for difficult soils.

One application of NUTRAGRASS MICRO (page 8) is all that is needed to produce quality turf all year round. It shouldn't be mowed lower than 2.5cm (1in).

Suitable for rotary mowers.

GREENSHADE

This is a non-ryegrass mixture for damp, shaded conditions. It is a top quality mixture designed to produce excellent turf. The rough-stalked meadow grass germinates quickly, providing lush green growth all year round.

To help ensure perfect turf, feed regularly with our six-month NUTRALAWN MICRO fertilisers (page 7). Don't mow below 2.5cm (1in) in height and, if subject to low light levels, increase the cutting height further. Suitable for rotary mowers.

Top dress for top results

Applying a lawn top dressing is the perfect way of improving grass growth, evening out bumps and hollows and reducing problems with moss, weeds, casting worms and drought and waterlogging through compaction.

When you aerate your lawn in spring or autumn, it is important that a top dressing containing 70% or more coarse sand is applied and brushed in. This will help keep the holes open, allowing the roots to grow to a greater depth, ensure nutrients can be fully used in the root zone and ensure water passes through the soil to where it is needed by the roots.

Apart from helping to relieve compaction and moss infestation, the top dressing is an ideal growing medium when overseeding.

Top dressings are available from garden centres, but if you can't buy a sterilised sand/soil mix, use plasterers' sand – a slightly gritty mix available from builders' merchants. DO NOT use composts made from green waste, as this will encourage casting worms.



HOW TO

take care of your lawn

Regular mowing encourages the grass to shoot from the base, ensuring denser growth and a better quality lawn. The denser the grass, the fewer problems you will have with weeds and moss.

Do not mow too low or you will scalp the lawn, weakening the grass and allow weeds and moss to establish quickly.

Best results are achieved if the grass is maintained at the same height more-or-less all year round. For ornamental lawns the height should be about 2.5cm (1in). For normal lawns that take a lot of wear and tear this should not be less than 5cm (2in).

For shaded areas mow at a height of between 7.5-10cm (3-4in). See page 5 for further advice.

It is also essential to maintain grass vigour with regular feeding, as mowing removes a huge amount of nutrients that will need replacing. The best results are achieved by using fertilisers that constantly supply a regular amount of all the nutrients needed. These fertilisers are also less likely to scorch the grass – even in dry conditions.

The Greenacres range of controlled-release lawn fertilisers (see pages 7-9) meets all these requirements.

Finally, water the soil if it starts to dry out – especially during the first five weeks after sowing grass seed – and control weeds, moss and lawn pests as necessary. See more details on weeds, moss and pests on pages 10-13.

LAWN AFTERCARE

To ensure you get the very best from your lawn it will need some care and attention to keep it in tip-top condition. Follow our expert advice to make your lawn the envy of everyone who sees it.

PUT NEW LIFE INTO YOUR LAWN

Believe it or not, every year up to a quarter of the grass in the average lawn may die. By overseeding – sowing new grass seed into your existing lawn – you can rejuvenate it and bring it back to life.

Overseeding dramatically improves the lawn's appearance and the new grass retains its colour far longer in periods of dry or adverse weather. By increasing the density of the grass you will also reduce weed invasion and the use of lawn weedkillers. This is both cost-effective and environmentally friendly.

To thicken or even repair an existing lawn and achieve good overall colour and uniformity, apply any of our seed types at half normal rate, mixed with three parts of coarse sand. The sand will aid seed distribution, help improve soil levels and act as a growing medium.



Making the most of shady lawns

In shaded areas always use a grass seed mixture that will tolerate such conditions, such as our Landscape or Greenshade mixtures; see page 3 for details.

Providing the lawn is not directly under a tall, spreading conifer, any grass will grow in shade. The secret of success is to mow at a greater height.

All plants use their leaves to grab light, which is why plants like hostas have such a large leaf area and grow perfectly well in low light levels. Grass is no different – just increase the height of cut to between 7.5-10cm (3-4in) depending on the level of light restriction. As grass can grow all year round, this cutting height should be maintained 12 months of the year.

Regular all-year feeding is also necessary – easily achieved with Greenacres' range of quality lawn fertilisers (see pages 7-9) – as is watering during periods of dry weather.



Feeds for luscious lawns

The Greenacres range of lawn fertilisers includes a feed for every lawn and all soil types. They provide all the nutrients a lawn needs 52 weeks of the year from a minimal number of applications. They are all easy to use and economical to apply. Just look at pages 7 to 9 for the lawn feed that is best suited to your lawn, soil and requirements.

EXPERT ADVICE

Correct feeding

Now that we are regularly experiencing milder autumns and winters, grass tends to grow just about all year. Although grass growth may not be as vigorous in the winter as it is in the summer, the lawn needs a regular supply of nutrients all year round. A quality feed is needed for leaf and root development, building up disease, drought and waterlogging resistance and providing good colour for 12 months of the year. Regular mowing is essential, not only to keep the overall appearance of the lawn, but also to encourage thicker grass. But this means the leaves, new

shoots and roots demand a constant, regular supply of nutrients.

We have the answer to all these conditions with our range of all-year-round lawn fertilisers, which suit all types of lawns, soils and situations. They can last from four to eight months depending on type, do not burn, scorch or leach from the soil and do not need watering in.

■ Feed during spring and summer to give grass the strength it needs to produce a healthy green appearance and ensure the grass is capable of withstanding wear and tear, regular mowing and drought.



■ Feed in the autumn and winter to produce the tough, healthy growth needed to withstand otherwise damaging cold weather and prolonged waterlogging. The lawn bounces back more quickly, looks better for longer and is ready for use earlier in the spring.

Year-round feed for all top quality lawns



NUTRAGREEN MICRO is our number one lawn feed. It is a superior all year-round feed for top quality ornamental lawns. It has been specially blended for lawns containing fine-leaved grass species, particularly where a cylinder mower is used.

- Apply three times a year at four-month intervals.
- Does not burn or scorch.
- Requires no watering-in.
- Provides all the essential nutrients needed

by your grass to grow throughout the year.

- Gives a superb green colour to the lawn.
- Perfect for applying to the soil before sowing grass seed.
- Use at the rate of just 25g per sq m (¾ oz per sq yd); 1kg (2.2lb) treats 40 sq m (420 sq ft).
- NPK 21:3:16 plus trace elements.

NUTRAGREEN MICRO is a versatile product that can be used all year round without having to change product or formulation with the seasons. This means you can save money by buying larger packs. Take a look at the price list/order form for details of all our sizes and prices.

FEEDS FOR HARD-WEARING LAWNS

For feeding general-purpose, hard-wearing lawns look no further than our two NUTRALAWN MICRO feeds.

They have all the benefits of the lawn fertilisers in our superb Lawn Care range. Don't worry about complicated

feeding regimes – just apply and forget, and reap the benefits of easy feeding.

- NUTRALAWN MICRO FOR SPRING AND SUMMER feeds your lawn for six months while it's growing.
- NPK 28:3:10 plus trace elements.
- NUTRALAWN MICRO FOR

AUTUMN AND WINTER will continue to keep your lawn in tip-top condition for a further six months during the stressful winter months.

NPK 15:5:22.

- One application per year of each product will keep your lawn looking good for 52 weeks and ensure it can stand up to whatever the weather – or your family – can throw at it.

- They do not burn or scorch and require no watering-in.
- Apply 34g per sq m (1oz per sq yd).



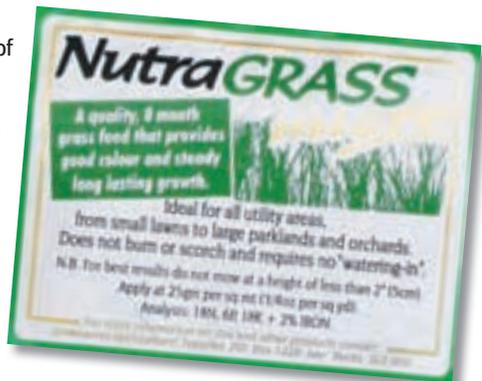
Economy lawn feed

NUTRAGRASS MICRO is the perfect lawn fertiliser for gardeners who do not see the lawn as a top priority area of the garden, but still appreciate a good green, healthy lawn with slow uniform growth.

With just one application you can keep your lawn green and the grass strong and healthy for most of the year without burning, scorching or having to water it in. Also, being easy to apply, you can get the best results from your lawn without spending too much time and effort.

ADVANTAGES INCLUDE:

- Feeds for up to eight months.
- Is the perfect choice for large lawns, orchards and parkland where the cost of feeding is important.
- Apply at a rate of 25g per sq m (¾ oz per sq yd).
- NPK 18:6:18 plus 2% iron.



YELLOWING LAWNS

If your lawn is on an alkaline soil (chalk & limestone) or your grass is looking yellow, your soil may be in need of sulphur to help make it more acidic.

We can add sulphur to all our lawn feeds to help you make the most of your lawn and keep it green and healthy all year round. And the best news of all – we will add the sulphur at no extra cost. Simply tick the box on the price list/ order form when placing your order.

Versatile feed

If you want a nitrogen feed that can either be applied as a liquid or as dry granules, then the answer is NUTRA MULTI-USE MICRO. This is a soluble controlled-release feed that is specifically designed to be applied dry or diluted in water. It can be used on the lawn – and throughout the rest of the garden for trees, shrubs, leafy vegetables and houseplants.

Most liquid fertilisers only feed for up to 12 days, but NUTRA MULTI-USE MICRO goes on working for up to 10 weeks. Because it is so versatile and long lasting, it fits the bill for small gardens where a watering can is used and the larger garden where a knapsack sprayer or broadcast spreader are used.

Keep a bag handy and use it wherever it's needed.



- Feeds for up to 10 weeks.
- Versatile and very cost effective.
- NPK 47:0:0.

ORGANIC FEEDS

For those gardeners who prefer to garden organically, take a look at NUTRANATURAL MICRO on the next page – two superb new natural feeds for the lawn.



For those gardeners who prefer the natural life and don't want to add man-made chemicals to their garden, we have introduced new organic feeds to the Greenacres lawn fertiliser range. The main principle of organic lawn care is not only to feed your grass, but also the soil it is growing in using natural products.

NUTRANATURAL MICRO is a superb organic feed that ensures your lawn gets the very best – naturally. It is a unique mix of bonemeal, feathermeal, blood meal, humic acid and micro-nutrients (trace elements), plus the addition of beneficial soil bacteria to ensure strong, healthy grass growth. Unlike other organic products that are based mainly on poultry manure and only feed in the short term, NUTRANATURAL MICRO gives a quick boost and then provides a long-term, slow-release feed for three months, so the grass is fed more effectively

for much longer. It also contains more readily available nutrients than many similar products. Also, it is almost completely odour free. NUTRANATURAL MICRO is composed of 1mm micro-particles making it extremely versatile, clean and easy to apply. If there has been no rain, water in three days after application to activate the nutrients and prevent any possibility of burning or scorching.

NUTRANATURAL MICRO SPRING & SUMMER (15N.4P.10K) is high in nitrogen to ensure a green, healthy looking lawn.

NUTRANATURAL MICRO AUTUMN & WINTER (5N.3P.13K) is high in potash to strengthen the grass during this difficult time of year.

- We recommend making two applications of each product for year-round feeding.
- Use just 25g per sq m (¾oz per sq yd) every three months.

YELLOWING LAWNS

If your lawn is on an alkaline soil or your grass is looking yellow, added sulphur will improve its strength and appearance.

Find out about buying NUTRANATURAL MICRO with added sulphur at no extra cost on page 8.

IRON BREW

NUTRA-IRON SPRAY-ON is an excellent, quick-acting soluble form of iron for extra hardening and blackening of the lawn in spring or autumn and for use as an all year round green-up.

Its formulation ensures it can be used on any lawn, but is especially suitable for smaller lawns, applied with a watering can. It quickly improves the colour of the lawn, and treated grass is stronger – making it more resistant to lawn problems.

It contains a very high 20% soluble iron, making it stronger than most standard preparations.

For greening up and toughening the lawn to promote strength and resistance, use 500g to treat 250 sq m (300 sq yd). For even extra hardening and blackening, use 500g to treat 83 sq m (100 sq yd).

NUTRA-IRON SPRAY-ON is clean to handle and easy to use.

EXPERT ADVICE

STOP MOSS

If moss plagues your lawn, then killing it is easy – preventing it happening in the first place or coming back again is, however, more difficult. Moss will only occur if the soil is compacted and/or there is little or no air movement to help dry out the soil surface.

Spiking with a garden fork or hollow tining (the removal of soil cores) in spring or autumn will help to relieve compaction. Then dress the lawn with coarse sand and brush as much as possible into the holes – it will help keep the holes open; see page 4.

This will have three benefits:

- The grass roots are encouraged to grow down to a greater depth.

- Fertiliser will find its way to the roots and can be fully used by the grass.

- Water will likewise move down to where it can be used more effectively by the plant, not wallowing on the surface where it will benefit the moss.

Annual spiking and sanding may well be necessary, for the objective is not only to keep the ground open – but to keep it open permanently.

Good, regular mowing and feeding also help to suppress moss growth.

One of the traditional methods for controlling moss on lawns is to use iron-based products, which blacken and kill the moss. It's then a simple matter of raking out the dead moss.

IRON OUT LAWN PROBLEMS

NUTRA-IRON GRANULAR is a superb quick acting, fine grade additive for extra hardening and blackening of the lawn. The very high iron content packs a punch that will really strengthen the grass and produce a rich green colour. At the same time the grass is given a quick short-term boost to stimulate growth.

NUTRA-IRON GRANULAR can be used in spring or autumn for toughening the lawn to provide good resistance to disease and other problems. Used at half rate, it is also ideal for a mid-summer green-up.

NUTRA-IRON GRANULAR is perfect for use on larger lawns, especially when applied with a lawn spreader. See page 10 for details of our spreaders.

- Spring and autumn: use 56g per sq m (2oz per sq yd).

- Mid-summer green up: use 28g per sq m (1oz per sq yd).

- NPK: 4.4.12 plus 12% iron.

- Water in after three days if there is no rainfall to prevent burning or scorching.



Prevent worm casts

Although worms are generally good for the garden, they can be a real problem in the lawn, producing surface worm casts. Ignoring the casts and squashing them flat with your mower or underfoot creates an uneven surface, smothers the grass and provides a seed bed for weeds to grow on.

Casting worms do not like acid soils, so when a soil acidifier is applied to the lawn they will burrow deeper into the soil – without coming to any harm whatsoever – reducing casts on the surface.

It may be necessary to make several applications of a soil acidifier from autumn to spring when casting

worms are active, especially if there is a lot of vegetative matter in the soil and/or the lawn is growing on an alkaline (chalk or limestone) soil.

Greenacres produce two products to increase acidity and so eliminate worm casts – SULPHURLAWN CHIPS and SULPHURLAWN SPRAY-ON.

Prevention is ALWAYS better than cure and we recommend that an application of either product is made before the casts become a problem.

An acidic soil will also ensure a healthy lawn, as plant nutrients are made more readily available, resulting in better colour, vibrancy and growth.

EXPERT ADVICE

CASTING WORMS

Worms feed on dead and decaying grass and other plant material (known as thatch). So when mowing it is a good idea to collect the cuttings, because if these are left on the surface they will create a thatch problem.

To ensure healthy grass growth and also prevent thatch build-up, regular scarifying with a spring-tine rake in the spring and autumn will help to further reduce the worms' food supply.

For soil acidifiers to be effective, it is essential that the soil has an open structure and, if not, it should be aerated first. You can do this with a garden fork, a solid- or hollow-tined aerator. Then the lawn should be dressed with coarse sand to aid penetration of the material into the grass surface. For further information, see top dressing on page 4.

CHIPS FOR LARGER LAWNS

SULPHURLAWN CHIPS are a special mini-granular formulation designed specifically for acidifying the soil under the lawn in the spring and autumn. Apply them at two-monthly intervals to create the ideal lawn soil acidity – between pH 5.5 and 6.5. Use our pH PROBE to check progress; see price list/order form for details. Always water in after applying.

- Apply at 15g per sq m (½oz per sq yd).
- Please note that SULPHURLAWN CHIPS do not harm worms or other wildlife.
- SULPHURLAWN CHIPS are ideal for larger lawns. For smaller lawns use SULPHURLAWN SPRAY-ON.



SPRAY-ON ACIDIFIER

SULPHURLAWN SPRAY-ON has all the benefits of SULPHURLAWN CHIPS – including acidifying the soil, making nutrients more available. Its special water-on formulation makes it ideal for smaller lawns.

It can be applied every two to four weeks to maintain soil acidity.

- Application rate: Add 100g (3½oz) to 4.5-litre (1 gallon) of water to treat 20sq m (24sq yd).
- Please note that, like SULPHURLAWN CHIPS, SULPHURLAWN SPRAY-ON does not harm worms or other wildlife.



SPOT OF BOTHER

If you only have a few weeds to deal with, then use a spot weedkiller.

GREEN UP WEEDFREE SPOT WEEDKILLER FOR LAWNS contains 2,4-D and dicamba and is a ready prepared, easy-to-use aerosol that is ideal for spot applications.

It controls most common lawn weeds and contains a foam marker to show up treated weeds.

■ All lawn weedkillers are best applied when the weeds are actively growing – generally from April to September. Problem weeds are best treated as early in this period as possible and may need repeat applications at 28-day intervals. Liquid weedkillers should be applied when the soil is moist and not during periods of drought.

■ Always use pesticides safely.



EXPERT ADVICE

Weed control

The most important factors in keeping your lawn free from weed problems are regular mowing, feeding and good general lawn care.

Regular mowing is not when you feel like doing it or when you think it needs it! During the active growing periods mowing should be undertaken at least once a week. For ornamental lawns containing very fine-leaved grasses this could be more often. Regular mowing ensures the grass is able to out-compete weeds.

If the grass is dense there is much less chance of wind-borne weed seeds being able to colonise your lawn. Feeding your lawn throughout the year will also ensure the grass is dense, strong and healthy, so weeds stand less of a chance of getting established.

For further details regarding height of cut and feeding programmes see page 4.

Many weeds, such as dandelions and clover, are more drought resistant than grass, so regular feeding and watering during dry conditions will ensure the grass can prevent these weeds taking over.

During periods of drought continue to mow regularly, but increase the height of cut. In winter, continue cutting if the grass is long enough to need it and when conditions are dry enough.

Keep lawns clear

Lawn weeds are a major headache that can stop you fully enjoying your lawn. A strong, healthy and well-fed lawn will be able to out-compete the weeds better than one that isn't fed and looked after properly. Where weeds are a problem you need to deal with them quickly using a selective lawn weedkiller.

LAWNCLEAR 2 is a broad-spectrum liquid lawn weedkiller that deals with all lawn weeds, including those stubborn, hard to kill ones. If you're having trouble with clovers, including yellow suckling clover, daisies or dandelions etc. then this is the choice for you. It contains active ingredients that help pack a punch against weeds.





EXPERT ADVICE

Natural pest control



CHAFER GRUBS

Chafer grubs are an increasing pest of lawns. They feed on grass roots from July until late autumn and can live up to three years, when they burrow into the ground to pupate. The adults emerge in May/early June, mate and lay eggs. Unfortunately, these are often laid in the same place re-infesting the same lawn each year and causing severe damage.

The symptoms of attack appear in late summer: grass growth slows and yellow patches appear; the grass is easily pulled up with little or no root growth; birds and even foxes and badgers pull up the grass to get at the grubs.

Nemasys® Chafer Grub Killer is applied from mid-July until the end of August. The lawn must be treated as for leatherjackets.

Biological control is the most environmentally-friendly and organic way to control pests. Biological control uses naturally-occurring predators that prey on a specific pest. They are a quick, safe, simple, natural and effective way of controlling pests.

The controls are totally safe and harmless to you, your children, pets and wildlife; treated areas can be used immediately.

As more chemical pesticides are withdrawn from sale, biological control becomes even more important and is an essential weapon against certain pests.

The predators have specific temperature, soil, moisture and other requirements to work

correctly, so it is important you follow the instructions that come with each one. Timing of application can also be important and these are also given for each control.

Because they are a living product it is essential that the biological control is used as soon as it is delivered. If this isn't possible it can be stored in a fridge for several days or weeks.

■ If ants and anthills are your problem, then make sure you use Py Insect Killer – an organic pesticide that's great at controlling these problematic insects. Find out more on page 17.

■ Biological controls for garden pests can be found on page 19.

Leatherjackets

Leatherjackets are the larval stage of the daddy-long-legs (crane fly). They are legless grubs, about 3cm (1¼in) long, greyish brown with no obvious head. They feed from early September, through mild winter weather and gorge themselves on grass roots in spring. In summer they pupate and the adults emerge in August ready to lay eggs. The symptoms of attack are grass growth slows with yellow patches and birds peck at the lawn in search of the grubs.

Nemasys® Leatherjacket Killer should be applied to a well-watered lawn from mid-September when the soil is moist and the soil temperature is above 10C (50F). Apply on a dull day or in the evening. Simply mix the nematode powder with water and apply as a drench. Once applied the nematodes MUST be washed into the soil by watering again thoroughly. Spiking the lawn and dressing with coarse sand will aid penetration of the nematode solution.

If the soil temperature falls below 10C, the nematodes will remain alive, ready to strike once temperatures rise. The lawn may be used immediately.



TOMATO & FLOWER FEED

NUTRATOM MICRO will feed your tomato plants right throughout their life from just one application, and provides all the nutrients they need. Its high potash content (a must for tomatoes) is also ideal for bedding and flowering annuals as it promotes flowering for a mass of colour. It is also perfect for root vegetables.

- NPK 15:5:22 plus trace elements.
- Apply at 28g (1oz) per plant in containers or growing-bags or 42g per sq m (1¼oz per sq yd) for plants in the open ground.



EXPERT ADVICE

Importance of feeding

Regular and correct feeding is essential if you want your plants to grow well and produce a perfect display.

Most types of fertilisers have to be applied regularly as their nutrients are released immediately; they are soon washed out of the soil or compost if the plants do not take them up. This is particularly true of liquid feeds that have to be applied weekly. That's why most people don't feed their plants enough – they forget or are too busy.

The benefit of our controlled-release fertilisers is that one application is usually sufficient to last the whole growing or flowering season, thereby saving time, effort and money. That's why we call them

'feed and forget' fertilisers. The nutrient release matches the plants' needs, too, so your plants will get all they need when they need it – there's no under- or over-feeding.

Not only are they better for the plants – these feeds won't burn the roots either – they're also better for the environment as they're not leached out of the soil and into watercourses.

- The Nutra Garden Care range of easy-to-use fertilisers has been specially formulated for different plant types. We also have feeds for Ericaceous plants on page 15 and roses on page 22.

- See page 8 for a high nitrogen feed that can be applied dry or as a liquid.

GIVE ALL PLANTS A TREAT

NUTRA-ALLROUND MICRO is the ideal all year round 12-month feed that promotes good growth, colour and vibrancy in all trees, shrubs, perennials, climbers, annuals and ornamentals. It is particularly beneficial where there are mixed borders, saving time and money on different feeds for different plants. It is also perfect for all leaf vegetables. It is suitable for soils where the pH is 6.5 or below.

- Apply at 28g per sq m (1oz per sq yd).

- NPK 20:4:18 plus trace elements.

- To feed plants growing in alkaline soils (pH 6.5 and greater) you should use **NUTRA-ALLROUND PLUS**. This has all the benefits of Nutra-Allround Micro but with added soil acidifying sulphur.

- Nutra-Allround is NOT suitable for lime haters, roses and tomatoes.





SULPHUR-SOIL

THE best soil acidifier

In the past, much of the sulphur needed by plants came naturally – from industrial pollution. But changes in regulations and the reduced number of coal fires have led to a lack of atmospheric sulphur and, as a result, plants have suffered.

But regular use of Greenacres' SULPHUR-SOIL can replace this lack of sulphur.

Sulphur also helps to acidify the soil and so SULPHUR-SOIL is the perfect choice when you wish to make your soil more acid to enable you to grow perfect roses and all lime-hating plants.

It has several advantages:

- Reduces the alkalinity of any soil.
- Effects can last for up to two years.
- Clean and easy to use.
- Helps make other nutrients available to all plants.
- Helps make plants better and healthier.
- Apply twice a year – every six months – to



reduce the pH by approximately one unit.

- On neutral pH soils apply in autumn only, and for roses use NUTRAROSE MICRO (page 22) fertiliser.
- It is advisable to check the soil pH before applying more SULPHUR-SOIL. To do this quickly and easily use our pH PROBE; see price list/order form.
- We have produced a plant pH preference list detailing the needs of more than 360 plants. This free information sheet is available to all customers who request a copy.

Love your lime haters

Rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias, pieris, callunas, blueberries and all other lime-hating (ericaceous) plants need a special feed that not only provides all the nutrients that are essential for growth, but also a steady supply of sulphur to keep the soil acidic so their roots are able to absorb these nutrients. NUTRA-ACID MICRO does all this, as well as:

- Preventing yellowing of the leaves – a sure sign that



something is wrong.

- Promoting glossy green, healthy foliage and plenty of

flowers.

- Lasts 12 months.
- Application rate is 42g per sq m (1¼oz per sq yd).
- NPK 20:4:18 plus 18% sulphur and trace elements.
- To ensure your soil maintains its acidity it is a good idea to apply SULPHUR-SOIL in the autumn and then use NUTRA-ACID MICRO in the spring to feed the plants.

Making the most of water

With weather patterns being so unpredictable, it is even more important to provide plants with water at all times – but especially during their early years of establishment. With possible global warming, water restrictions and even hosepipe bans, it is essential that gardeners make the most of every precious drop of water.

Plants must have a constant supply of readily available water if they are going to grow perfectly. During the summer it is very easy to forget to water your plants regularly or allow them to dry out.

Plants in containers are the most susceptible to water shortages, but so are shallow-rooted shrubs such as conifers, hydrangeas and camellias.

But you can help your plants through these stressful times, and reduce water wastage at the same time, by using BROADLEAF P4 – THE water-storing polymer. The granules absorb and store water, acting as tiny reservoirs until the plants need it. The water-holding capacity of the soil or compost can be doubled by the addition of BROADLEAF P4.

It is easy to use and just 5g (approx. ¼oz) easily absorbs 500ml (17½fl oz) or more of water; this is all you need for a 30cm (12in) basket.

■ Absorbs at least 400 times its



Roots grow through Broadleaf P4 gel to extract the stored water as and when they need it

own weight in water, which is then available to plants.

- It soon re-wets to act as a water-storing reservoir.
- Simple to use.
- Helps keep plants growing perfectly.
- Economical to apply.
- Use in all containers.
- Use in beds and borders at 100g per sq m (3oz per sq yd).
- Remains effective for five years.
- Special information leaflet supplied with every order.



WELL FED AND WATERED

You can combine the versatility of the water-storing benefits of Broadleaf P4 with a once-a-season controlled-release fertiliser to ensure optimum results. AQUAFEED MICRO has all the usefulness of Broadleaf P4 mixed with a high performance feed. Just look at all its advantages:

- Plants are fed and watered in one application.
- A simple, clean and easy-to-use product.
- Perfect for all containers and hanging baskets at the rate of 8g (¼oz) for a 30cm (12in) basket. Comes with a full list of uses.
- Also excellent for plants in the ground at the rate of 160g per sq m (4½oz per sq yd).



Keep insect pests at bay

Where insect pests are a problem – but you still want to be organic – use PY INSECT KILLER.

This insecticide is a highly effective concentrated insect killer based on naturally-occurring pyrethrins – nature's own insecticide. It can be used on both edible and ornamental plants to control greenfly, blackfly, whitefly, thrips, caterpillars, flea beetles and ants, as well as ants in lawns.

It can be used indoors and outdoors on both ornamental and edible plants up to one day before harvesting.

For best results, apply at the first signs of insect activity.

- 250ml (17½ fl oz) of concentrate will make up to 25-litres (44 gallons) of spray or will treat 5 sq m (6 sq yd) of lawn.
- Comes in an easy-to-measure bottle.



Stop slugs

NEW

Slugs are still Britain's number one garden pest. So, to help gardeners in the fight against them, Greenacres have introduced SLUG DEATH XL to our range of organic products.

SLUG DEATH XL is a superb new ready-to-use pelleted bait, containing ferric phosphate – a naturally occurring pesticide. It can be used to control slugs around all edible and non-edible plants and is certified for use in organic gardening. So it can be safely used throughout the garden

Simply spread the pellets around plants to protect them. Unlike some other slug controls, SLUG DEATH XL is rain fast as it uses advanced Ferramol® bait technology. After consuming the bait, slugs stop feeding immediately and move away to die, leaving no unsightly traces.

When used as directed the pellets do not pose a risk to children and pets and they need not be excluded from treated areas.

- A 500g container treats up to 100sq m (125 sq yd).



The main principle of organic gardening is not only to feed your plants, but also the soil they're growing in using a range of natural products.

By increasing soil fertility and the number and diversity of beneficial soil organisms, natural organic products help keep plants healthier, and increase their resistance to pests, diseases and other problems.

NUTRANATURAL MICRO is a great organic feed. It is a unique mix of bonemeal, feathermeal, blood meal, humic acid and micro-nutrients (trace elements),



with added beneficial bacteria to ensure strong, healthy plant growth.

Unlike other organic products that are based mainly on poultry manure, it not only gives a quick boost, but also provides a long-term, slow-release feed, so plants are fed more effectively for longer. The nutrients are also more readily available to plants than many similar products and it is almost completely odour free.

NUTRANATURAL MICRO is composed of 1mm micro-particles

making it extremely versatile, clean and easy to apply

If there has been no rain, it may be necessary to water in three days after application to activate the product and prevent any possibility of burning or scorching.

High nitrogen

NUTRANATURAL MICRO 15N.4P.10K is a six-month feed that can be applied from February to July for trees, shrubs, flowers and salad leaves and at any time after planting out leafy vegetables.

High potash NUTRANATURAL MICRO 5N.3P.13K is a six-month feed, ideal when planting trees, shrubs and flowers in the autumn and for root vegetables, tomatoes and all other fruiting vegetables throughout the year.

■ Apply at 56g per sq m (1½oz per sq yd).

■ 1kg treats around 20sq m (24sq yd).





Slugs

Slugs are still Britain's number one garden pest, causing havoc on a wide range of plants, but they can now be effectively controlled above and below ground using nematodes. Each pack of Nemaslug® contains more than 12 million nematodes that kill slugs as they crawl through the soil. The nematodes are easily applied using a watering can and will control slugs for up to six weeks.

Apply Nemaslug® as early as possible to moist soil with a minimum temperature of 5C (40F). If the soil temperature falls below this, the nematodes will remain alive, ready to work as soon as temperatures rise.

For control around herbaceous plants apply from early-April onwards; for around bedding plants apply from planting out; vegetables after planting or as seedlings emerge; potatoes after first earthing up; under glass at any time the



temperature is high enough.

Nemaslug® can also be applied in early autumn to reduce the number of slugs laying eggs. This will cut the numbers of slugs that will attack your plants the following spring.

Each application remains effective for up to six weeks. It is less effective in waterlogged soils.

CHEMICAL-FREE PEST CONTROL

If you want a pest-free garden, greenhouse or conservatory, but don't like using chemicals then biological control is for you. This control method uses natural predators to parasitise the pest. Our range uses microscopic nematodes that are watered onto the soil, compost or lawn – and that's all you have to do.

Vine weevil

Suddenly, otherwise healthy-looking plants collapse and die due to these root-eating, soil-borne grubs. In severe cases the plant may be completely severed from its roots at ground level. They will attack a wide range of plants – especially those growing in pots and hanging baskets.

Vine weevils lay up to 1,500 translucent, light brown, pinhead-sized eggs each summer. The resultant grubs are 1cm (½in) long, C-shaped with a creamy body and dark head. They can be found in the root zone of any container planting, herbaceous

borders, trees and shrubs.

Nemasys® Vine Weevil Killer is proven to be the safest, most effective and economical vine

weevil treatment. It comes as a powder and is mixed with water and applied as a drench. It can be used on any planting inside and outdoors and can safely be used on all edible crops.

Apply from spring to autumn when grubs are present; a minimum temperature of 12C (54F) is needed for best results. If you only have a few plants make the solution stronger – you can't overdose.





EXPERT ADVICE



Get the best from your roses

Although loved by most, some gardeners give up on roses because they think they're difficult to grow and look after and because of problems with diseases – blackspot, rust and mildew. But with a little planning and some loving care and attention your roses can be strong and healthy and combat these diseases.

The secret of success

is to make an early start – tending to and protecting the plants before the problem occurs – and then keep up the vigilance throughout the year.

Disease spores overwinter in the soil and in nooks and crannies on the rose stems. As temperatures rise in the spring, the spores start to become active and are borne on the wind or splashed onto the plant by rain hitting the soil. The

disease cycle starts again and the new leaves are attacked.

Always make sure you remove and dispose of all diseased and fallen leaves whenever they're seen, but especially in the autumn.

Pruning back stems in the autumn by up to half will remove spores overwintering on the stems. And it will reduce the risk of wind rock, which can damage the roots making them

more prone to disease.

Correct pruning in late February/early March – removing dead, dying, diseased, damaged, rubbing and crossing stems – will remove more sources of infection. And removing stems that are growing through the centre of the plants will ensure air can move through them, helping to keep the plants even healthier.

Even so-called disease-resistant



varieties will benefit from these regular disease control treatments.

Always ensure your roses are growing well; a strong, healthy plant is more likely to fend off pests and diseases than one that is struggling. So make sure you plant in a sunny position, preferably in a heavy, well-fed acidic soil. Sulphur is the natural enemy of blackspot and powdery mildew,

and in times when sulphur dioxide was present in the atmosphere – as a result of coal-burning fires and industrial pollution, prior to the 1968 Clean Air Act – blackspot was unknown.

Because roses are hungry feeders, make sure you feed them with a specific rose fertiliser that contains all the nutrients they need for a happy, healthy life.

Greenacres have

perfected a range of sulphur-based products to ensure you get the very best from your roses. We have four great products for roses

– Sulphur-Rose, Nutrarose Micro, Sulphur-Soil and Nutranatural + Sulphur; see page 22/23 for full details.





ROSECARE



Long-lasting rose feed

Roses are very hungry feeders and very particular in their dietary requirements. As a result, it's vital you feed them with a quality rose fertiliser that will last until the final flushes of flowers have finished in autumn.

A feed with added sulphur helps to maintain or slightly increase soil acidity and strengthens their growth, ensuring they are less susceptible to diseases and other problems.

Applied just once a year, NUTRAROSE MICRO is the perfect long-term fertiliser for all your roses – whether they're climbers or bush, growing in the ground or in containers.

- Contains the perfect balance of nutrients.
- High potash content for masses of colourful flowers.
- Sulphur and trace elements for healthy growth.
- One application lasts six months.
- NPK 15:5:22 plus sulphur and trace elements.
- Apply at 42g per sq m (1½oz per sq yd).



Keep taking the tonic

Give your roses a regular treat with Greenacres' SULPHUR-ROSE. Roses love it – and so do rose growers. It is a brilliant tonic for roses – ensuring lots of healthy foliage and masses of blooms. It prevents yellowing of the leaves and also helps neutralise the effects of hard (limey) water.

Applying SULPHUR-ROSE will ensure your roses remain healthy and





produce a fabulous display of flowers all summer long and into the autumn. Apply to the stems, foliage and surrounding soil.

It is best applied regularly at two- to three-monthly intervals during the dormant period, followed by monthly applications (at one-third of the application rate) during the leafing and flowering period. It is important to use it regularly to keep disease spores at bay.

SULPHUR-ROSE is applied as a liquid tonic, so it gets to work immediately.

- Can be applied throughout the year.
- Promotes healthy, vigorous growth and a profusion of perfect blooms.
- Our PY INSECT KILLER (see page 17) may also be added to the solution if needed.
- A 250g pack treats up to 20 rose bushes for one year's complete programme.

ACID IS BEST

The favourite diet of roses is a well-fed, heavy, acidic soil of pH5.5 to 6.5.

If your soil is greater than pH7 (alkaline) an application of SULPHUR-SOIL in the spring and again in autumn is essential to maintain healthy growth and a profusion of flowers.

For soils that are neutral (pH7), one application in the autumn is all that is needed.

■ See page 15 for full details on the benefits of SULPHUR-SOIL.

GROWING NATURALLY

Both SULPHUR-ROSE and SULPHUR-SOIL are natural, organic products, but if you also want to feed your roses naturally, use NUTRANATURAL + SULPHUR 5N.3P13K.

This is an excellent three-month organic rose food with added sulphur; the sulphur ensures that all the nutrients are made readily available, resulting in good vibrant growth and perfect blooms.

Because roses are such hungry feeders, we recommend that they are fed twice at three-monthly intervals from February to June. This will provide sufficient nutrients for both early and late flushes of flower.

■ 2kg treats approximately 20 roses for a whole flowering season.



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If you wish to be included on our mailing list please advise us of your e-mail address on the price list/order form, by telephone or directly through our website.

We will NOT abuse your e-mail address by bombarding you with junk mail and it will NOT be passed on to third parties.

DELIVERY SERVICE

To lessen rising costs, we have a special delivery service for orders totalling up to 8kg.

Order any mix of products from our Nutra fertiliser range, Nutra-Iron, water-storing granules or sulphur products and they will be sent by the Royal Mail Packet Post service. This means that order weights over 2Kg are sent in padded envelopes. For example, 5Kg would be split and sent in three packets.

This ensures our customers living in Northern Ireland, Scottish Highlands and all offshore islands do not incur additional carriage charges.

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Please note: We can also supply any weight from 11Kg or more to meet your specific needs for delivery to UK mainland addresses only (excluding Scottish Highlands).

Please contact us for a quotation.

All prices are inclusive of VAT and carriage.

