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# **Buyer's guide** / Lawn fertilisers



# Put a spring in your lawn!

Geoff Hodge looks at the best lawn fertilisers to get your grass green and growing

O GET the best from your lawn you need to feed it with a good lawn fertiliser. This is especially true this year after the awful winter, which has weakened the grass and leached nutrients out of the soil.

A good feed with a lawn fertiliser not only makes the grass greener and more luscious, but also ensures it grows thicker and increases its strength, vigour and health. This makes it more robust and better equipped to cope with

wear and tear, weeds, moss and weather-related stresses. In spring, the best feeds to

use are granular ones because they feed over a long time. In summer, you can keep using granular feeds or switch to liquid ones to act as a quick tonic

You could use any granular fertiliser, but specific lawn feeds are much better because they have the right balance of nutrients that the grass needs and most contain slow or

controlled-release nutrients, so you don't get a surge of growth.

They go on steadily feeding for weeks or months, so are cost effective.

With these feeds vou don't have to wait for the right weather and soil conditions to water in afterwards - and they don't scorch the grass.

Where existing weeds are a problem, you'll need a weed and feed, or a weed, feed and mosskiller if moss is also present in your lawn.

My Best Buy is based on the price for feeding constantly throughout the spring and summer months

# Greenacres Horticultural Supplies

The Greenacres range is available in many sizes, so you can buy just as much as you need. If your lawn is on an alkaline soil (chalk and limestone) or your grass is looking yellow, Greenacres can add ulphur to all its lawn feeds at no extra cost. They do not burn or scorch and don't need watering in

### Nutragreen Micro

This is a year-round feed aimed at top quality lawns – those containing fine-leaved grass species. Apply three times a ear at four-month intervals. Nutrients NPK 21-3-16 nlus trace elements

**Sizes** 500a-40ka Coverage 40sa m (48sa vd)

**Price quide** £13.50-£160.50

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## Nutralawn Micro Spring & Summer

This feed is aimed at lawns that take a lot of wear and tear. It feeds the grass for six months. Nutrients NPK 28-3-10 nlus trace elements

**Sizes** 500g-40kg **©Coverage** 29sq m (35 sq yd)

**Price guide** £13.50- £160.50



# **Scotts Miracle Gro**

Evergreen Cut & Feed

No-scorch lawn food for applying straight after cutting. It gives fast results, showing a visibly greener lawn in three days, and goes on feeding for up to six weeks.

Nutrients NPK 3-3-3 plus 2 per cent iron
Sizes 100sq m (120sq yd), 100sq m (120sq yd) Spreader 300sq m (360sq yd), 500sq m (600sq vd)

• Price guide £5.10, £7.14,

### Evergreen Scotts Lawn Builder Mow it Less Lawn Food

plus 2 per cent iron

400sg m (480sg yd)

Complete 4in1

**Sizes** 100sq m (120sq yd),

100sg m (120sg yd) Spreader

**⊙Price guide** £6.12, £8.16,

Others available EverGreen

Slow growth formula for a greei lawn without extra mowing; The Scotts Lawn Builder range is it quarantees 50 per cent less seen as 'professional' lawn care mowing than with other lawn products. The slow-release, nocare products. Greens up in scorch formula doesn't produce three days and feeds for up a surge in growth and feeds for up to eight weeks. **◎Nutrients** NPK 3-5-3

Nutrients NPK 22-5-5 **Sizes** 100sg m (120sg yd), 400sa m (480sa vd) **Price guide** £9.18, £26.54

Nutragrass

This feed is aimed at aardeners

who do not want to spend a lot

of time looking after their lawn

One spring application feeds fo

Ocoverage 40sq m (48sq yd)

• Price guide £52.50-£737

Nutrients NPK 18-6-18

up to eight months

plus 2 per cent iron

**Sizes** 5-240ka

Micro

Others available Scotts Lawn Builder Lawn Food plus Weed Control: Scotts Lawn Builder Lawn Food plus Moss Control



# Westland

Once Long-Lasting Lawn Feed

Contains a fast-acting feed to green up the grass in less than a week and controlledrelease nutrients that ao on feeding for four months. Nutrients NPK 15-3-14 plus seven trace elements **Sizes** 100sq m (120sq yd), 100sq m (120sq yd) Spreader, 400sq m (480sq yd) OPrice guide £8.99, £11.99, £24.99

Others available: Aftercut+ Lawn Feed & Revitaliser; Lawn Feed, Weed and Moss Killer

A NITROGEN-RICH LAWN FERTILISER FOR GREENER, HEALTHIER GRASS



### Aftercut Lawn Feed & Conditioner

No-scorch formula promotes a richer, greener lawn in three days. For best results apply after mowing, every three to four weeks Nutrients NPK 3-1-3 plus

2% iron & 1% magnesium **Sizes** 100sq m (120sq yd), 100sq m (120sq yd) Spreader, 285sq m (342sq yd), 500sq m (600sq yd)

**Price guide** £6.99, £8.99,

USE REGULARLY THROUGHOUT THE GROWING SEASON FOR BEST RESULTS



Greens up within a week and feeds for up to six to eight weeks. Low-scorch formula, water in if no rain falls for 48 hours. Nutrients NPK 3-3-3

plus 2 per cent iron **Size** 300sq m (360sq yd) **OPrice guide** £14.99

Others available | Arthur Bower's Lawn Feed, Weed



### Vitax Green Up Granular Lawn Feed

Contains fast-acting and slow-release nitrogen for quick areening and long-term feeding Apply at six to eight week intervals and water in if no rair falls for 48 hours. **Nutrients** NPK 12-3-9 plus 1 per cent iron & 0.5 per cent magnesium **Size** 120sg m (144sg yd) OPrice guide £10.15

Others available: Green Up Lawn Feed & Weed Plus Mosskiller



# Organic lawn feeds

Growing fuchsias Our final guide to the biennial method

This is a mix of bonemeal, feathermed

NutraNatural Spring & Summer Lawn Food From Greenacres Horticultural Supplies

bloodmeal, humic acid and micro-nutrients (trace elements), plus beneficial soil bacteria. It aives a quick green-up and provides a long-term, slow-release feed for three months. Nutrients NPK 15-4-10 plus trace **Sizes** 500g-20kg

**©Coverage** 40sq m (48sq yd) per kg ●Price guide £13.50-



### New Horizon Organic Lawn Food From William Sinclair

A mix of poultry manure, bonemeal, hoof and horn, rock phosphate and Vinasse, which contains organic matter, potassium, calcium and some nitrogen and phosphorus. Gives a quick green-up and continues to feed for six to eight weeks. **Nutrients** NPK 6-3-3 plus trace elements **Size** 70sg m (84sg yd) **⊙Price guide** £7.99



# Suppliers

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