

Learn How to Apply Lawn Fertilizers

The 4 R's – Right Rate, Right product, Right place, **RIGHT TIME**

SPRING

(Mid-March thru April)

Second most important time to fertilize. If you plan to fertilize only twice, make sure you do half in the spring.

Use about 1.5 lbs. of N for each application.

LATE SPRING

(May thru June)

If you plan to fertilize your lawn three times, this will be your second application. 1.0 lbs. of N per treatment per application

SUMMER

(July thru August)

Don't fertilize.
Too hot!

Fertilize only if you have warm-weather grasses like Buffalo grass and blue gramma

Apply just 1.0 lbs. of N if doing three applications/yr.

FALL

(September thru October)

Most important time to fertilize your lawn. Apply all 3.0 lbs. of N if only doing one application/yr.

Apply 1.5 lbs. of N if doing two applications/yr.

WINTER

Never fertilize when ground is frozen. Take a break and enjoy a long nap.

HINTS

Avoid before & after rain events.
Times are based on <6,000 ft elev.
If >6,000 ft, adjust by 2-4 weeks.
Avoid spring snowstorms.

Green Lawns, Blue Waters – Protecting Colorado's Water One Yard at a Time

Green Lawns Blue Waters Be P-Free

- Don't apply fertilizer within 15 feet of water
- Watch the weather, avoid any storms
- Calculate the right amount to apply
- Use phosphorus free fertilizer
- Storm drains are not treated
- Sweep up all fertilizer spills
- Mulch your lawn clippings
- Compost your leaves
- Exposed soils erode
- Get a soil test

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