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Special Issue: Spring Tree Fertilization

The famous author, Willa Cather, once wrote, "I like trees because they seem more resigned to the way they have to live than other things do." One thing is for certain: trees don't have a choice about the often-difficult situations into which they are placed.

Spring is a critical time for feeding your trees. Spring fertilization will help to address any deficiencies that exist in the soil or tree coming out of winter dormancy. It will also keep supplies of necessary nutrients at adequate levels.

Spring is a period of active growth for your trees. And in order to achieve this growth, they will be "pulling up" copious amounts of nutrients from the soil. This intake will exhaust the finite supply of these nutrients, so it is your job to provide what the tree requires.

Spring fertilization pushes new top growth. It also enhances blooms in flowering trees like dogwood, tulip, cherry, orange, and apple.

Flowering trees like those mentioned above need phosphorus to achieve the best blooms. **Growth Products' Triple Ten (10-10-10) with 40% slow release nitrogen** is a great choice. This true liquid solution contains phosphorus as part of a well-balanced 1-1-1 NPK ratio. Triple Ten has an extremely low salt index and contains no chlorides. And thanks to the slow SRN it contains, Triple Ten will provide your trees with a slow, steady nitrogen feed.

Growth Products Arbor Care (15-8-4) can be used to push nitrogen for greater top growth. This solution also contains the added benefits of 40% slow release nitrogen (SRN), soluble, non-chloride potassium, and micro-nutrients. 15-8-4 is a true solution that is highly compatible and easily mixed with technical materials like fungicides, herbicides, and insecticides. And when used at recommended rates, there is never a danger of phytotoxicity with this product.

Even though spring fertilization is on the docket, it is never too early to begin preparing your trees for the impending approach of summer's stresses. You'll want to condition your soil to provide for better water movement and improved uptake of nutrients.

Essential 100% Natural Organic Liquid Soil Amendment is a valuable tool for soil conditioning. Again, since your trees are pulling nutrients from the soil in which they are growing, it only makes sense to keep it in the best possible shape.

Spring is a popular time for transplants, and Essential will help them survive the extreme stresses they must endure. Transplants need additional care to promote root development and enhance the uptake of usable nutrients. Essential decreases transplant shock and stimulates root growth. It will also reduce compact

tion, lessening the incidence of plant stress and death.

In urban settings, Essential may be used to help trees and ornamentals that are often deprived of renewable organic matter. At construction sites, the soil used for landscaping is many times little more than an afterthought. Trees in these settings are planted in "fill dirt" devoid of nutrients. Essential lessens compaction, improves soil structure, and restores valuable organic materials to the soil.

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