

Pat's Summer Garden Tips

On every block, in every town, and along every residential road, you'll always find that one house with the summer garden that causes the neighbors to go green with envy. From tomatoes to peppers, beans to roses, and trees and bushes to flowers, the plants in these gardens flourish at a level that makes everything around them pale in comparison. **Wouldn't it be great if THAT garden belonged to YOU?**

Take for instance the tale of one of our employees who placed his garden on a Growth Products nutrition program. Lo and behold ... Pat's plants have become the talk of the neighborhood.

He recently remarked that his tomato plants are getting so huge that they're threatening to eat his dogs. (Okay, maybe he was exaggerating a little bit on that last part, but his plants ARE causing the neighbors to ask, "What the heck are you feeding those things?")

Pat begins by drenching all new plant materials with Essential (4 Tbs/gal of water) and Companion microbial inoculant (1 tsp/gal) at the time of transplant. He does not fertilize any of his new plantings, so as to allow for root establishment and the overcoming of transplant shock before pushing new growth.

Two weeks later, he makes an application of Growth Products' Cal Mag Max 7-0-3 (2 tsp/gal) and Essential (4 Tbs/gal). He says he repeats this about once every two weeks. Finally, he

applies Companion (again, at the 1 tsp/gal rate) once per month.

The results? Pat's tomato plants have easily outdistanced any in his neighborhood, and they are healthy and vigorous. Despite extremely humid and rainy conditions, the tomato plants do not have any of the expected diseases like blossom end rot.

Pat's roses are another source of neighbor envy. He has 7 rose bushes that, having been passed down through the family, are over 100 years old. His program for these includes applications of Growth Products Companion (1 tsp/gal), Essential (4 Tbs/gal), and 14-7-14 (1 tsp/gal). He is quick to point out that Essential helps encourage better blossoming and dramatically improves plant color.

Following is a rundown of the products Pat uses. But don't just take his word for it ... try them for yourself, and experience what it's like to be the talk of the town. Happy Gardening!

Essential® is a root stimulator that contains plant extracts, humic acid, L-amino acids, and a natural wetting agent not found in standard NPK fertilizers. It also contains kelp, one of nature's most powerful rooting stimulators. It improves plant color, adds organic matter to the soil, and improves cation exchange capacity.

Companion® Microbial Inoculant contains beneficial *Bacillus subtilis* GB03 microbes, which quickly colonize the root one. A vigorous population of "good"

microbes equals healthier soil and plants, and the subsequent ability to combat stress and disease.

Cal Mag Max 7-0-3 provides your plants with the ideal calcium to magnesium ratio (2 to 1) needed for optimum growth and development.

14-7-14 is just one of the highest quality, crystal clear liquid fertilizers in the Growth Products line. You'll never have to worry about phytotoxicity. They contain no salts and have very low biuret. We never use hydroxides, chlorides, or thiosulfates because of their burn potential.

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