

# Fertilisers



## Do's

- Use the right fertiliser as it makes all the difference to the leaves and flowering
- Feed flowering plants with tomato food during the season to help give them a quick boost and elongate flowering
- If you use one fertiliser make it Vitax Q4 it is a good across the board feed for hardy plants keeping them happy
- Feed Box hedging otherwise the leaves will turn orange and look sick
- Feed pot plants with either slow release feed or topdress with fertiliser
- Make a compost heap for organic feed

## Don'ts

- Overfeed plants, more isn't better it will cause them to grow long weak growth which will flop over and need supporting
- Use high Nitrogen feeds on perennials and shrubs it will cause long leggy growth and promote leaves not flowers
- Forget to put your clippings on a compost heap to make compost
- Apply pellet based fertiliser in the middle of plants as it can burn them
- Apply fertiliser on a lawn unless rain is forecast or water in well to prevent scorching your lawn

*"The best fertiliser in a gardeners shadow"*



# Fertiliser Types



## LIQUID

Liquid feeds are the quickest way to boost a plant, Tomato food is great for many flowering plants, miracle grow will green up plants and there are many other ones available



## SLOW RELEASE

Good for a slow release of nutrients across a period of time. Perfect for mixing in with pot plants. Always consider mixing in when changing over compost in pots, it feeds plants perfectly



## PELLET BASED

Perfect for applying on the surface after planting on an annual basis. The pellets break down and soak through into the soil, apply around the base of the plants, fine on top of bark. Vitax Q4 is great all round



## SPECIALIST

Some plants require specialist fertilisers giving them a tailored balance of nutrients to meet their requirements. Always follow the recommended rate of use to keep them happy

# What to Use



## HARDY POTS

Mix in slow release fertiliser when you pot up and annually top up with Vitax Q4 pellets. Use liquid Tomato food for flowering plants or high in nitrogen feeds for green leaves



## FLOWER BEDS

Mix in organic matter when planting and then top up annually with Vitax Q4 in the spring. Use tomato food to give any deadheaded perennials energy to bloom again



## BEDDING

Use slow release fertiliser when potting up or a high potash Tomato feed to encourage flowers. Apply liquid feed every 2 weeks or use slow release once initially when you pot up



## SPECIALIST

Follow the recommended rates on specialist feeds for these plants. They can be a bit fussier so there's less of a general approach, the right feed will keep them happy



Fertilisers Available in The Potting Shed