

Lawn Fertilization – Timing and Options

A healthy lawn starts with proper fertilization, but choosing the right product and timing can feel overwhelming. Different fertilizers provide nutrients based on seasonal needs. Understanding when and how to apply them helps promote strong roots, improve turf density, and maintain consistent color throughout the growing season.

Spring: March to Early May

Andersons Crabgrass Preventer	26-0-6	17 lbs.	6,000 sq.ft.
Andersons New Lawn Fertilizer	20-27-5	18 lbs.	5,000 sq.ft.
Jonathan Green Organic Lawn Food	10-0-1	20 lbs.	5,000 sq.ft.
Milorganite	6-4-0	32 lbs.	2,500 sq.ft.
Andersons Professional:			
22-0-3 Slow Release		50 lbs.	12,000 sq.ft.
15-0-0 with Barricade		50 lbs.	12,000 sq.ft.
18-0-4 with Dimension		50 lbs.	12,000 sq.ft.
18-24-12 Starter Fertilizer		50 lbs.	12,000 sq.ft.

Summer: May to July

Andersons Weed & Feed	24-0-16	18 lbs.	5,000 sq.ft.
Andersons Lawn Food	28-0-12	18 lbs.	5,000 sq.ft.
Jonathan Green Organic Lawn Food	10-0-1	20 lbs.	5,000 sq.ft.
Milorganite	6-4-0	32 lbs.	2,500 sq.ft.
Andersons Professional :			
22-0-4 with Trimec		40 lbs.	12,000 sq.ft.
18-24-12 Starter Fertilizer		50 lbs.	12,000 sq.ft.

Fall - Early September

Andersons Fall Lawn Food	24-0-14	18 lbs.	5,000 sq.ft.
Milorganite	6-4-0	32 lbs.	2,500 sq.ft.
Safer Lawn Restore	10-0-6	25 lbs.	5,000 sq.ft.
Andersons Professional:			
22-0-3 Slow Release		50 lbs.	12,000 sq.ft.
22-0-4 with Trimec		40 lbs.	12,000 sq.ft.

Late Fall - Late October

Andersons Fall Lawn Food	24-0-14	18 lbs.	5,000 sq.ft.
Safer Lawn Restore	10-0-6	25 lbs.	5,000 sq.ft.
Andersons Professional:			
22-0-3 Slow Release		50 lbs.	12,000 sq.ft.
22-0-4 with Trimec		40 lbs.	12,000 sq.ft.

Granular Fertilization – Timing Reference

Products Listed by Manufacturer

Andersons:	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Crabgrass Preventor plus Lawn Food Apply to dry lawn, water in to activate, for established lawns.	X			
Weed and Feed Lawn Fertilizer Apply to a pre-watered lawn. No water for 24 hours after application.		X	X	
Lawn Food Apply to a dry lawn, water in to activate.		X	X	
Fall Lawn Food Apply to a dry lawn, water in to activate.			X	X
New Lawn Starter Fertilizer Work into the soil 2"-3", water in to activate.	X		X	
Andersons Professional:	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
22-0-3 Slow Release Slow release. Apply to dry lawn and water in to activate.	X		X	X
18-0-4 with Dimension Pre-emergent crabgrass control. Apply to a dry lawn, water in to activate.	X			
22-0-4 with Trimec Post-emergent control of broadleaf weeds. Water in to activate.		X	X	X
18-24-12 Starter Fertilizer Apply to newly seeded lawns, and newly installed sod.			X	X
New Lawn Starter Fertilizer Work into the soil 2"-3", water in to activate.	X		X	
Other:	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Johnathan Green Organic Lawn Food Apply to a dry lawn, water in to activate.	X	X	X	X
Safer Lawn Restore Apply to thin, sodded, or newly seeded lawn.		X	X	X
Milorganite Organic control. Apply anytime in six-week periods.	X	X	X	X