

Feeding Trees, Shrubs & Vines

Trees love the Pre-Plant and Weekly Feed - just as vegetables do. However, they don't need it as often, because they are much slower-growing, and because of that they are also able to get some nutrition from the soil without your help.

A **small tree** that has just been planted could use **one ounce of Weekly Feed**, sprinkled on the soil surface over an area corresponding to the size of the root zone, and watered in.

A **large tree with trunk diameter of 1'** or more would be able to use **16+ ounces** applied the same way. **Trees larger than 1' diameter** can be fed **as much as 32 ounces**.

Depending on the size of the tree, you should adjust the application between those amounts - and **do it 3 or 4 times per year** depending on your growing season - always watering the nutrients into the soil thoroughly.

Any plant, **bush or vine** that is expected to grow and mature fruit quickly, such as berries and grapes, will do well **with 4 or 5 evenly spaced feedings**, depending on the length of your growing season. All feeding should stop 3 weeks before harvest.

Here are the extremes: A large vegetable plant like a tomato gets about 2/3 to 1 tablespoon per week of Weekly Feed. A large 50-100 year-old tree would get 24-32 ounces spread under the leaf line and watered in well.

Everything else is somewhere in between. A single row of **berry bushes** could be fed about the **same as a row of vegetables**. A **large grape vine might get 2 ounces**. A **tree with a 3"-diameter trunk could be fed 4-6 ounces**, and a **6"-diameter trunk would get 10-12 ounces**.

Pre-Plant should always be fed twice the amount as you give Weekly-Feed, but just once each year at the end of the dormant season in early spring.

Times for feeding fruit trees:

1. Two weeks after dormant season ends and you have fed the Pre-Plant Mix.
2. 4-6 weeks later after fruit has formed.
3. In late June/July, when the tree is producing leaf and fruit buds for next year.

If your growing season extends into October and November the third feeding named above would become the fourth feeding, and a third feeding would be inserted half way in between #'s 2 & 4.