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WHY FERTILIZE?

- Fertilizer provides a source of essential nutrients that plants need to grow normally and be healthy.
- Fertilizers can stimulate growth and improve the color & appearance of plants.
- The three primary nutrients contained in most fertilizers are nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), and potassium (K).
- Nitrogen = promotion of leaf growth
 Phosphorus = essential for transferring energy between parts of plants

Potassium = promotion of root development and stress tolerance

WHEN TO FERTILIZE:

- Annuals: Miracle Gro every two weeks
- Vegetables: Espoma Tomato-tone every two weeks
- Roses: Espoma Rose-tone every six to eight weeks starting in April
- Evergreens: **Espoma Holly-tone** the following season after planting, once in the spring and once in the fall
- Shade & Flowering Trees: Espoma Tree-tone the following season after planting, once in the spring and once in the fall
- Flowering Shrubs and Perennials: Espoma Plant-tone the following season after planting

HOW TO FERTILIZE:

- Trees and Shrubs: apply fertilizer to the root zone area (see graphic below)
- · Perennials: mix fertilizer into surrounding soil and between rows
- Annuals: Spread granular fertilizers over the soil around the plants and mix in lightly

