



Supplemental Sod Document

Fertilizing and Winterizing

There are many brands and types of fertilizer that can be used on your lawns. They come in both granular and liquid form and may or may not include weed control. You'll need to pick the product best for your situation. Fertilizers have three (3) numbers on the bag called the NPK Ratio. N stands for Nitrogen, P stands for Phosphorus, and K is for Potassium. These are the three main nutrients that your lawn needs to stay healthy.

The Nitrogen is what keeps your lawn nice and green, The phosphorus keeps your lawn lush and thick since it promotes strong root growth, Potassium helps strengthen your lawn by firmly rooting the lawn into the soil and establishing a strong uptake route for nutrients to ensure overall health.

The numbers are a representation of what percent of each of these nutrients are in the bag. These numbers will vary depending on the fertilizer. As an example the Winterizer will have a higher Potassium number since this helps promote firm roots and route for nutrient uptake which helps withstand hard winters.

Fertilizing with a fertilizer that does not contain weed control is our recommendation since it is easier to burn the lawn and possibly kill other plantings that were not intended to be harmed. Spot treating weeds is what we would recommend. The Sod Guy recommends using a fertilizer that is high in Nitrogen and low in Phosphorus and Potassium. A 25-5-5 would be a good NPK ratio for our environment. Fertilization can start when temperatures are around 55 degrees. March or April in Colorado would be the best time and can be applied every 6-8 weeks as necessary. Water should be applied a few days prior to applying fertilizer.

Winterizing is recommended in late fall while the grass is still green but not growing as aggressively or stopped growing. Some moisture and warm weather is needed so don't wait until the cold has completely moved in. This will help get your lawn ready for the spring.

No matter what fertilizer you use, always be sure to follow the application instructions carefully. If you are not sure how to apply, it would be best to hire a professional because burning your lawn could be a very expensive mistake.