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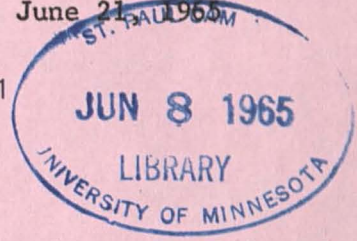
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SUMMER FERTILIZATION

Many of the garden flowers and shrubs need a summer application of fertilizer to keep them growing vigorously and flowering. Usually the summer application of fertilizer is a side-dressing application. Use either liquid fertilizers or the dry commercial forms. Some of the heavy feeding flowers are dahlia, roses, garden chrysanthemum, delphinium. And, of course, the lawn and the hedges need fertilizing.

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Generally speaking, 1 to 2 tablespoons of fertilizer sprinkled around the base of the plants will be adequate to carry them through the rest of the season. Make a shallow trench around the plant, place the fertilizer in it and then cover with soil. Water the plants thoroughly to dissolve the fertilizer into the soil so it will leach down to the root zone. But take care not to over-fertilize.

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For a liquid fertilizer use a commercial preparation according to the rate of application given on the container. Take care to avoid getting the fertilizer on to the foliage. Foliar burn may result.

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Make the summer application of fertilizer on the lawn about mid-June. Use a non-burning fertilizer at this time at a rate of one pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet. This application will carry the lawn into fall season.

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Hedging plants should be fertilized after pruning. Fertilization will help force new growth and stimulate recovery. Use about 1 pound of 10-10-10 fertilizer for 100 foot of hedge row.

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