

## Using Trace Elements To Aid Healthy Growth & Cropping In Fruit Trees, Canes & Bushes

Fruit trees, bushes and canes all use nutrients from the soil in order to help them grow and crop well. Replenishing these by fertilizing the soil with trace elements, such as sulphate of potash and nitro-chalk will help ensure continued healthy growth.

The table below shows what to apply to your fruit garden, when and how often.

Fruit Trees	When to Apply	Where To Apply	Sulphate of Potash (Per Metre <sup>2</sup> )	Nitro-Chalk (Per Metre <sup>2</sup> )	Superphosphate (Per Metre <sup>2</sup> ) Every Third Year
Apples & Pears	February to early March	Over the root area	25g	35g For trees in open ground 70g For mature trees in grass	Every Third Year 70g
Plums, Gages, Cherry Plums & Damsons	February to early March	Over the root area	15g	50g	Every Third Year 70g
Apricots	February to early March	Over the root area	35g	25g	Every Third Year 70g
Peaches, Nectarines & Almonds	February to early March	Over the root area	35g	50g	Every Third Year 70g
Cherries	February to early March	Over the root area	35g	50g	Every Third Year 70g
Quince	February to early March	Over the root area	25g	70g	Every Third Year 70g
Medlar	February to early March	Over the root area	25g	35g	Every Third Year 70g

Soft Fruit Bushes, Canes & Vines	When to Apply	Where To Apply	Sulphate of Potash (Per Metre <sup>2</sup> )	Nitro-Chalk (Per Metre <sup>2</sup> )
Blackberries/Hybrid Berries	First March after planting	45cm around each bush	10g	35g
	End of May & June the first year of planting	45cm around each bush	-	20g
	March succeeding years	90cm around each bush	10g	20g
Raspberries	First March after planting	In a band 45cm wide along each row of canes	10g	35g
	First May after planting	In a band 45cm wide along each row of canes	-	20g
	March succeeding years	In a band 90cm wide along each row of canes	15g	10g
Blackcurrants/Jostaberry	First March after planting	45cm around each bush	10g	30g
	March succeeding years	90cm around each bush	10g	35g
Gooseberries, Red & White Currants	First March after planting	60cm around each bush	15g	10g
	First June after planting	60cm around each bush	If by the middle of June extension growth is less than 22cm long, give a further application of 10g of Nitro-Chalk.	
	March succeeding years	90cm around each bush	15g	35g
Rhubarb	First March after planting	45cm around each bush	10g	25g
	End of May & June the first year of planting	45cm around each bush	-	20g
	March succeeding years	90cm around each crown	10g	20g