

Rivendell's Recommended Fertilizing Schedule

Fertilization- Growing things must have food. The soils in our valley are nutrient-poor in general and almost totally deficient in some elements. Iron and sulphur are the two specific needs that are not found in most national products. **Rivendell's Own Mountain Maintenance Mix** has a slow release formula with 3% iron and 10% sulphur to compensate for these soil deficiencies. We recommend a fertilizer program that is a combination of Rivendell's Own Mountain Maintenance Mix and organic-based fertilizers. The general program and schedule are as follows:

Date	Fertilizer	Application Rate
SPRING Late April/ May	Rivendell's Own Mtn. Maintenance Mix <u>OR</u> Rivendell's Own with Organics <u>OR</u> AlphaLawn II Organic	8 lbs/1000 sq. ft. 8 lbs/1000 sq. ft. 10 lbs/1000 sq. ft.
SUMMER Early July	Alpha 4Iron Organic <u>OR</u> AlphaOne Organic <u>OR</u> Rivendell's Own with Organics	10 lbs/1000 sq.ft. 10 lbs/1000 sq. ft. 8 lbs/1000 sq. ft.
FALL September	Rivendell's Own Mtn. Maintenance Mix <u>OR</u> Rivendell's Own with Organics <u>OR</u> AlphaLawn Winterizer Organic	8 lbs/1000 sq. ft. 8 lbs/1000 sq. ft. 10 lbs/1000 sq. ft.

An organic feeding once a year is beneficial for lawns because only organic fertilizers provide active enzymes and microbial action that fight compaction and improve soil health. We recommend **Alpha One Fertilizers**, an alfalfa based organic fertilizer with blood and bone meal that is *produced in Colorado for our soils*. With our heavy clays, core aerating annually also helps prevent soil compaction.

Avoid weed and feeds for routine maintenance. Healthy grass chokes out most weeds, but there are professional products for specific problems you may have, just ask your local nursery. Treating the isolated problem is healthier for both your home and the environment.

This fertilizing program is a general suggestion that works for most homeowners, but it may be altered to meet the specific needs of your lawn. (Using an exclusively organic program, supplementing with an additional feeding, etc...)