

LAWN LORE

Build A Better Foundation For Your Lawn

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Bayer Advanced™ Garden Expert (NAPSA)—Proper fertilization is critical to having a lawn that grows vigorously, forming a thick, green turf. But there's more to fertilizing than having good-looking grass. You need the right balance of nutrients (nitrogen, phosphorous, potassium) to keep the lawn thick and green. A thick lawn is also better able to resist insects, disease and weeds.

Great lawns begin with healthy soil. Soil is a combination of mineral particles, organic matter, microorganisms and air pockets. The proper balance of each provides just the right combination of aeration, water-holding capacity and nutrition for sustainable growth. If your soil isn't rich and fortified, your grass probably won't be at its best either.

What should I use?

Bayer Advanced Lawn® Triple Action fertilizers feed at every level, promoting greener grass, roots and soil for a thicker, deep-down green lawn that lasts. Here's how it works:



• **Grass:** Triple Action feeding builds thicker, greener grass, enhancing the durability and overall appearance of your lawn.

• **Roots:** Builds stronger, deeper root systems, which more efficiently transport water and nutrients from the soil. Stronger root systems mean a stronger lawn that can better withstand heat and drought.

• **Soil:** Enriches and fortifies your soil with additional nutrients released continuously over time. A



rich, fertile soil provides a foundation for establishing strong roots and replenishes vital primary nutrients.

How do I do it?

First, make sure you set the spreader settings to correspond with the amount of fertilizer you want to apply. Look on the back of the fertilizer bag—all the information you need is on the label. After adjusting the settings, place the spreader on a hard surface and fill it with the appropriate amount of fertilizer for the size of your lawn, sweeping up any spills. Begin spreading the fertilizer over the edges of the lawn first, then moving back and forth between the edges walking at your normal pace. After covering the entire lawn, water thoroughly. Watering in the fertilizer washes the nutrients in to the soil where roots can use them and won't be washed away by heavy rain.

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