
YOUR GARDEN

Making Gardens Grow

(NAPSA)—No matter what's growing, you'll probably find lime at the root of a beautiful garden.

Lime is used to help control a soil's pH level. Acidic soil with low pH, or "sour soil," is not conducive to healthy plant growth.



The pH level of soil can affect a garden's health.

Hydrated lime is particularly effective in neutralizing soil acidity and providing essential plant nutrients such as calcium and magnesium for flowers and vegetable gardens. Lime's benefits do not end there, though.

"In addition to providing a healthier pH, hydrated lime improves soil structure and helps make soil 'alive' by promoting beneficial microbes," explains Dave Jackson of Oldcastle.

Jackson says hydrated lime is especially effective with alkaline-loving plants such as narcissus, geranium, crocus, pachysandra, asparagus and leeks. For example, adding hydrated lime yields pink hydrangea blooms rather than blue.

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