

## ► Fertilisation

If Majestic Trees have planted your tree(s) or you have planted them according to our instructions, they will **not** need fertilising in the first growing season, as slow-release fertiliser/mycorrhizae tablets which last 14 months will have been added to the soil at time of planting.

Thereafter, provided they have been planted in a good quality soil, most trees will enjoy good health and make satisfactory growth without the need to fertilise. This is not to say that a healthy tree wouldn't benefit from an annual top-dressing of fertiliser, especially with a phosphorus/potassium-based feed in autumn.

Top-dress, slow-release fertilisers formulated specifically for trees and shrubs are easy to apply and available from most good garden centres. Be sure to follow the guidance and instructions on the packaging carefully.

Many nutritional deficiencies exhibited by trees can be overcome by applying **the correct fertiliser at the correct time of year**. However, if the tree does not improve, or show response, or you are not confident in diagnosing the issue yourself, we would strongly recommend you consider having the soil tested. Inexpensive soil test kits are available at most good garden centres which are able to give you accurate readings.

Sophisticated soil testing is also offered by professional organisations who can even come to site to evaluate your soil and its nutritional requirements.

Alternatively, you could send photographs with a description of the symptoms you are seeing to your sales advisor.

**Over fertilisation** can also be detrimental to a tree's growth. Trees are unable to use excessive amounts of fertiliser and can display toxicity symptoms in the form of leaf scorch, and even root tip burn underground. A build-up of unused fertiliser salts in the soil may become locked up for seasons after the damage was caused.

A final note on fertilisers: it is highly important to be aware that many lawn fertilisers contain **weed and feed formulations that may be harmful to your trees**. The same systemic herbicide that kills broadleaf weeds in your lawn can be up taken by tree roots and may harm or kill trees if applied incorrectly.



**If we planted the tree, we will have installed fertiliser tablets that will last for around 14 months.**