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My plants need a quick kick in the... roots!

How many phone calls do you get every year - ESPECIALLY in the spring - from customers saying that their plant material, whether it's been there a year or more than a decade, is off color or just seems to be struggling? Here are some options for a quick fix.



Fertilome: I love this product! When I was the resident "plant guy" in my old neighborhood, I referred to Fertilome as "Plant Steroids". Fertilome Root Stimulator is a fast acting and economical liquid concentrated fertilizer that will give material that little extra push, especially in rough soil conditions. Whenever you hear "a little bit goes a long way", that rule definitely applies to this product, 3 ½ tablespoons per gallon of water! It's NPK rating is 4-10-3, so not only do you get vigorous root growth, you get the added bonus of Nitrogen and Potash. I often use this with an organic fertilizer, such as Plant Tone, for extra feeding without having to worry about burning material.

Ironite Plus: "My boxwoods are orange!". Ironite Plus focuses on distributing nitrogen. It's a 6-2-1 mixture, but the "Plus" is an additional 1% iron. This is also a liquid fertilizer, which means it's going to work once the roots absorb it. Ironite has always been known for not burning plant material, and if using as a fertilizer for those spots (I have two dogs...) on your lawn, it can provide up to a 5000 sq feet of coverage. Attach it to your garden hose and off ya go!



Florikote: A new product to us! This is a 12-6-6 top dress fertilizer for use on woody ornamentals. Although Florikote is a granular fertilizer, it provides a 2-3 month feeding period, with early release portions of magnesium, iron, and nitrogen for faster greening. According to the manufacturers of Florikote, this product should not be used on sensitive crops, such as annuals or perennials.

And there you have it! Give your plants a wake-up call if they're acting as if they haven't had their morning cup of coffee. Speaking of coffee, you should swing by for a cup if you happen to be in the neighborhood. We'd be glad to see ya!

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