



GROW STRONG



FLAMING ACRES
— DAHLIAS —

Fertilizing Dahlias

Feed for Flowers, Not Just Leaves



Fertilizing can feel confusing at first—but it doesn't have to be.

Here's the simple truth:

What you feed your dahlias affects what they produce.



Too much of the wrong thing = lots of leaves

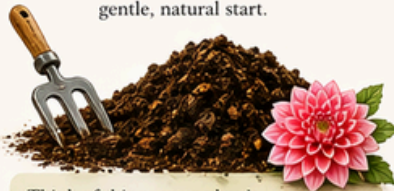


The right balance = beautiful blooms



START WITH YOUR SOIL

- Mix in well-aged manure or compost before planting.
- This gives your dahlias a gentle, natural start.



Think of this as your plant's "first meal"—slow, steady, and not overwhelming.



DON'T FERTILIZE RIGHT AWAY

This is important for beginners:
Do NOT fertilize at planting time.

Your tuber is still getting established.

Too much too soon can do more harm than good.



WHEN TO START FEEDING

- Start fertilizing about 30 days after planting.
- Only once you see strong, active growth.
- From there, you can feed your plants every few weeks during the growing season.



WHAT KIND OF FERTILIZER SHOULD I USE?

Look for fertilizers that are:

- ✓ Low in nitrogen
- ✓ Higher in phosphorus and potassium

Good examples:



These help your dahlias:



Grow more flowers



Build strong roots



Develop healthy tubers for next year



WHAT TO AVOID

Too much nitrogen is the most common mistake.

It can cause:

- Big leafy plants
- Weak stems
- Few (or no) blooms



Easy way to remember:

Nitrogen = leaves
Phosphorus & Potassium = flowers and roots



A GENTLE RHYTHM

Fertilizing isn't about rushing growth—it's about supporting it.

Feed your dahlias with intention, observe how they respond, and adjust as needed.

Each garden is a little different, and part of the joy is learning what helps your plants thrive.



QUICK FERTILIZING GUIDE

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BEFORE PLANTING:
Work in aged manure or organic matter.

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AFTER 30 DAYS:
Start fertilizing once you see strong growth.

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DURING THE SEASON:
Feed every few weeks with low-nitrogen fertilizer.

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USE:
Low-nitrogen fertilizer like 5-10-10 or 0-20-20.

A Beautiful Reward

You don't need to get this perfect.

- Start simple.
- Watch your plants.
- Adjust as you learn.

Because when you feed your dahlias the right way... they'll reward you with the kind of blooms you've been hoping for.



*Good soil, the right feed, and a little patience—
that's the recipe for a garden you'll fall in love with.*