

Fertilisers – NPK Numbers

The **NPK numbers** on **fertiliser** packets do actually mean something:

N = nitrogen (for leaf growth),

P = Phosphorous (for root growth), and

K = Potash (for flower/fruit production).

The numbers relating to NPK on fertilisers indicate the **ratio** of each element, so, for example, leafy vegetables may require a fertilizer with a higher ratio of Nitrogen, whereas tomato plants will require a higher ratio of Potash.

In **Spring**, it is better to use powder or granular fertilisers, such as **Pelleted Chicken Manure, Fish, Blood & Bone, Growmore / Phostrogen Slow-release Granules**, as they are likely to stay in the soil for longer and will release their nutrients slowly.

In **Summer**, when plants are growing quickly, liquid fertilisers, such as **Tomorite / Maxicrop Seaweed Extract / Liquid Miracle-gro Houseplant Food** are preferable as they are more easily absorbed.

All of these products are available at the Trading Centre.