

When it comes to using fertilizer on your bonsai, there are a number of things you need to know first. Let's immediately cut to the chase - and dispel any myths that you may currently believe. The most common myth when it comes to fertilizers, is that you must use one in order to ensure that your bonsai grows. Most people draw a conclusion that no fertilizer equals no growth. This is simply not true. Fertilizer is not food! It simply promotes a generous, and stable living environment for your bonsai garden.

Certainly, a bonsai tree can grow in bonsai soil with absolutely no fertilizer. However, if by any chance the pH level of your soil, or the oxygen content penetrating to the roots is deficient - you will end up with growth issues. Therefore, people are correct in saying that using fertilizer is a precautionary method to ensure that bonsai pots are kept at their optimum level of health.

There are a number of fertilizer products available on the market - all of which are designed to effect different results on your bonsai tree. The two main categories of fertilizer that you can choose from are organic fertilizers and inorganic fertilizers. Ultimately, the differences between these categories are subtle - however, it is these small changes which can have a big impact on the growth of your bonsai tree.

As is the case in most situations - organic fertilizers will cost more than inorganic ones. Basically, this reflects the pure cost of production of each different type of product. But, does a more expensive product translate into a better quality product? When it comes to bonsai fertilizers, it would seem that the answer is yes.

Imagine this analogy. You buy a car for \$300,000, ensure that it is kept clean and in pristine condition at all times, however when it comes to re-fueling the car, you use a standard gasoline instead of a premium one. Hence, the performance of your car overall is impacted. This is exactly the same type of thing which can translate to a bonsai. Certain types of bonsai such as Akadama, Seramis, and any Japanese bonsai's - will all require special treatment. Therefore, the best mixture to use in such circumstances is definitely an organic fertilizer products.

Other varieties such as the red maple bonsai, jade bonsai, indoor flowering bonsai, and the ficus bonsai plant will all do alright with an inorganic compound - however obviously, if you want the best out of your plants - organic is still the best option.

Another note to keep in mind is that when you apply fertilizer, you don't always need to apply water. If you water your bonsai garden too much, you run the risk of having roots rot on you. Additionally, your tree could catch a "cold" - and become particularly ill over time. This is especially the case for outdoor bonsai's, as they usually receive a reasonable amount of rainfall to satisfy the need for water.