

Green Thumb Nursery

Caring for Palms & Ixora Shrubs



Fertilize Ixora shrubs spring, summer, and fall with Sunniland Palm Fertilizer.

Fertilize new palms every three months with Sunniland Palm fertilizer.

Fertilize mature palms in the spring and fall with Lutz Palm Tree Maintenance Spikes.

Palm trees add a fantastic tropical touch to your landscape areas. For newly planted palms spread one lb. of fertilizer per inch of trunk diameter from the trunk of the palm to outer area of root ball. For mature palms, fertilizer spikes provide a fast, efficient, and long lasting way to fertilize. Lutz Palm Tree Maintenance spikes are applied next to the root ball and slowly release nutrient to the palm over several months. Fertilize in spring and fall to maintain healthy green beautiful palms. Always remember to water fertilizer in thoroughly, but do not flood.

Before pruning your palm, determine the health of the palm by looking at the fronds. Look for dead or yellow fronds. Dying fronds appear brown in color or may be yellow and wilted looking. If there are no dying fronds, the tree might not need trimming. If the palm needs to be trimmed start at the bottom of the foliage and remove dead fronds with large clipper. Cut each frond at least 2" from trunk. Cutting too close to the trunk can damage the palm.

Ixora shrubs come in many colors and sizes. They bloom best in warm temperatures. They spend much of the spring putting on new growth and producing buds. Once they start blooming, you will enjoy lots of color through the summer and into the fall. Ixoras require special fertilizer. Use 1 lb. of fertilizer for small (3 feet) shrubs. For larger shrubs add an additional pound of fertilizer for every foot of height above 3 feet. For NEWLY installed plants, use ½ of the recommended amount above. Remember to water fertilizer in thoroughly. For younger shrubs apply a light application of fertilizer more frequently during the year and trim lightly to encourage a new flush of growth since ixora flowers come from the new growth. To obtain a compact-looking appearance, trim after flowering. Pruning older shrubs is one way to revitalize their growth and appearance.



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