



SLOW-RELEASE  
**Milorganite**<sup>®</sup>  
NITROGEN FERTILIZER

# Frequently Asked Questions

## WHAT IS MILORGANITE?

Milorganite is an all-purpose slow-release nitrogen fertilizer composed of heat dried microbes that have digested the organic matter in wastewater. Milorganite has been trusted by golf course professionals and homeowners for over 90 years.

## WHAT IS IT USED FOR?

Milorganite can be used EVERYWHERE: lawns, shrubs, trees, flowers, vegetables, and as a seed carrier. The slow release formula feeds the root system for up to 10 weeks.

## WHEN CAN MILORGANITE BE APPLIED?

Milorganite can be applied any time during the growing season. However, for best results we recommend four applications per year on your lawn; a 36 lb bag of Milorganite covers 2,500 sq ft. Visit [milorganite.com](http://milorganite.com) for application schedule and rates.

## IS MILORGANITE SAFE? YES.

Milorganite meets the most stringent criteria imposed on any fertilizer product for health, safety and environmental concerns. Milorganite complies with all federal and local limits, which allows Milorganite to be used with confidence for all of your fertilizing needs.

## CAN MILORGANITE BE USED IN MY VEGETABLE GARDEN? YES.

Milorganite is an excellent and safe fertilizer for all plants that grow outdoors, including vegetables. The slow-release nitrogen feeds plants evenly and gradually, without interfering with flowering and fruit development. This nurtures the roots, which in turn develop more robust yields. Other fertilizers force unnecessary top growth, which makes for skinny plants with reduced yields.

## TOP 10 REASONS to use Milorganite

- 1 All Purpose
- 2 Non-Burning
- 3 Iron for Enhanced Greening
- 4 Slow Release - Feeds 8 to 10 Weeks
- 5 No Need to Water In
- 6 Adds Organic Matter
- 7 Great for Vegetables & Flowers
- 8 Aids in Root Development
- 9 Contains Essential Micro-Nutrients
- 10 Golf Course Choice for Over 90 Years

**DOES MILORGANITE NEED TO BE WATERED IN? NO.** Milorganite's salt free formula will not burn plants or scorch lawns even in the hottest temperatures and driest conditions.

**DOES MILORGANITE KILL WEEDS? NO.** Milorganite is strictly a fertilizer. A healthy lawn is your best defense against weeds.

**ALL PURPOSE** lawns | flowers | vegetables | trees | shrubs

## HOW IS MILORGANITE DIFFERENT FROM SYNTHETIC FERTILIZER?

Synthetic fertilizers are “fast food”, best known for being fast-acting once they are watered in. Synthetics are manufactured chemically with high burn and leaching potential. Milorganite is “slow food” from natural sources. Milorganite won’t burn, builds the soil structure, and feeds plants slowly over a longer period of time which builds strong roots.

## CAN MILORGANITE BE APPLIED DURING SUMMER OR DROUGHT? YES.

Milorganite does not contain any salts so it can be applied during summer or drought conditions and will not burn. You can apply anytime, and the Milorganite will be ready to work when moisture arrives later making it ideal for areas with water restrictions.

## WHY IS MY DOG ATTRACTED TO MILORGANITE?

Some dogs are attracted to the odor of Milorganite. This may lead to dogs rolling on freshly fertilized surfaces, eating the product off the lawn, or eating directly from open bags. Remember to store Milorganite out of the reach of dogs. After spreading, monitor your dog to determine their interest in the product. To reduce the attraction we recommend watering your lawn after application and keeping your dog off the lawn for 24 hours.

## CAN MILORGANITE BE USED WHEN SEEDING?

**YES.** Add Milorganite when seeding for a fast-developing lawn. The slow-release nitrogen releases as the seedlings need it. The non-leaching phosphorus is available to immature roots to aid in giving energy to support fast growth, and won’t burn tender seedlings.

## DOES MILORGANITE HAVE AN SDS (SAFETY DATA SHEET)? YES.

Visit [milorganite.com](http://milorganite.com) for this information.

## DOES MILORGANITE CONTAIN METALS?

All fertilizers, organic and synthetic, contain some metals, including Milorganite. Metals such as lead, cadmium, copper, and zinc naturally occur in the environment. Several metals are actually needed by plants in small amounts—micronutrients—to grow and reproduce properly. We test Milorganite daily and confirm the average level of metals meets (or is less than) the EPA limits. Milorganite complies with federal and state standards for the protection of public health and the environment.

## DOES MILORGANITE CONTAIN PHARMACEUTICALS?

Milorganite is monitored regularly for a host of compounds to help ensure consumer safety. Milorganite, like manures and organic fertilizers, contains trace concentrations of pharmaceutical compounds, as well as household and personal care products. However, the very low concentration of these compounds makes potential risks negligible. Chemical and biological processes in the soil degrade these compounds, additionally reducing an already negligible risk. We encourage everyone to dispose of pharmaceuticals safely, not in sinks or down toilets, which can negatively impact waterways.

## CAN MILORGANITE BE USED IN COMBINATION WITH OTHER FERTILIZERS (PESTICIDES)? YES.

Milorganite can be used as a complete lawn fertility program or with other products as part of your overall program. Always read directions carefully to avoid over fertilization.

## WHAT ABOUT MILORGANITE’S PHOSPHORUS?

Plants need phosphorus, as it contributes to important functions such as root development and growth. The phosphorus in Milorganite is slow release, reducing the risk that phosphorus will leach from soils into surface or groundwater. In contrast, other fertilizers often contain quick release phosphorus that is more likely to leach.



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