

# Palm Tree Fertilization

Most of the palms beautifying our urban environments have been planted in disturbed soils that often lack sufficient available elements required for good health. It is best to prevent nutrient deficiencies in palms rather than treat them after they occur because recovery can take as long as two or more years. Thus, regular application of a slow release palm-special fertilizer, one with an N:P(P2O5): K(K2O): Mg ratio of 2:1:3:1 or similar ratio is a good strategy and adequate for most palms (Broschat 1999,2001). West Coast Arborists recommends fertilizing your landscape palms every 4 months with BEST® PALM PLUS™ 13-5-8 with GAL-XeONE™ (per label rate). This product has shown great results and is in compliance with the City of Encinitas regulations.



Pictured above is a Chilean Wine Palm that has been fertilized with BEST® PALM PLUS™ 13-5-8 with GAL-XeONE™ slow release granules.