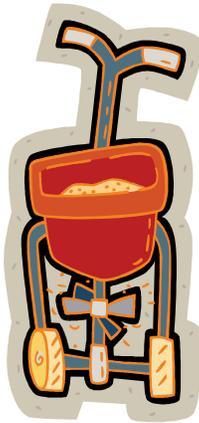


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Fertilizer Use Recommendations

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How to Reduce Fertilizer Use

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