

Food

The little sachet-like bags filled with time-release fertilizer are good for maintenance-free feeding. However, if you have lots and lots of plants then it might be a bit of a hassle. In such cases, hand feeding might be more convenient ¹.

Do not use urea-based fertilizer [7].

Use Bloom Booster for Vandas.

Fertilizer blend percentages: N - P - K. Nitrogen, Potassium, ?? [7].

A balanced fertilizer has the same numbers, such as 10-10-10 [7].

Never fertilize dry plants. Water first, then wait about 10 minutes [7]

Use 10-10-10 during active growing season [7].

Use 10-30-10 four times a year [7].

Don't fertilize in winter, or when temp > 85 degrees [7].

Change fertilizer bags every 9 months.

Recommendations from Robert Miller [5]:

CalMag - Winfield Solutions 790 NW 10th Ave, Homestead 33030 305.247.1521

Atlantic FEC Fertilizer Co, 18375 SW 260th St, Homestead 33031

Univ. Elt. Pompano ?

Miracle Gro - damages orchids, burns roots [6].

No micronutrients [1].

Don't use cow manure [2].

Fertilizer drops pH [1].

Nutricote tablets good for small collections.

Fertilize every time you water: vandas 2 x wk, Phals 1 x wk, Obsidians every 10-12 days [6].

Pelleted plant food - Osmocote, Dynamite [6]:

Shot glass of water per 1 tsp pellets.

See how long it takes for pellets to burst.

Apply to about a dime-sized area.

Charcoal gets rid of ammonia buildup from fertilizers [2].

MSU orchid fertilizer [4].

Daybreak is best time to water and fertilize [4].

Florikam Nutricote (Total - minous?) [4].

Iron, zinc, copper, etc [4].

¹ Member Marie Trenor recommends Peters 20-20-20 and/or Bloom Booster.