

DIG it Fertilizing Workshop March 9, 2022



On a cool Fall Day, just before the start of Spring 2022, Bill Stillman, Leroy Jackson (both Master Gardeners Emeriti), and Debbie Miller, Master Gardener, from the Mohave County Extension program out of Bullhead City held a workshop at DIG it Kingman Community Gardens. Mohave Community College sponsored the event. Lori Gunnett from the college attended the workshop. Debbie and Bill explained the basis of how fertilizer is rated. The N-P-K. Nitrogen, Phosphorous and Potassium and how they interact with the soil and affect plant growth. They also discussed micronutrients contained in the fertilizers. Additionally, there was a discussion of when to fertilize as it relates to the different areas of Arizona. They pinpointed which types of vegetables and trees do best in the different areas of the state. They emphasized that you should always read the fertilizer directions contained on the package so that you do not over or under fertilize. Bill pointed out something interesting; Do not over fertilize with phosphorous because it can have a negative effect on the iron and zinc that the plant can take in.

There were several types and brands of fertilizers on display. This was an informative workshop. Thanks to all