Topic: Epsom Salt as a Palm Fertilizer

Question: Can I use Epsom salt to green my palm tree fronds?
- Rita, email

Answer: Yes, you can, but it is certainly not a cure-all for palm nutrient problems. Epsom salt is magnesium sulfate and its application is used to correct or prevent magnesium deficiency. Magnesium deficiency is expressed on the older bottom leaves. The leaf margins become yellow while the center of the leaf remains green. It is most common on the Phoenix spp. of palms including Canary Island date palm and Pygmy date palm. Magnesium will not correct leaves already magnesium deficient. However, it can prevent new leaves from becoming so.

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