

How To Grow Azaleas

Choose a shady, well drained soil area to plant your azaleas. If planting near a newly built house, it is very important that all mortar from brick-laying or any washed out cement be removed from around planting area. Azaleas **will not** survive if planted in soil that has this mixture in it.

Dig hole for plants 6" to 8" larger than container they are purchased in. Mix one-third **Garden Magic Peat** with two-thirds existing soil.

Remove plant from container and make a 1" deep cut down the full length of the root ball in three places around root ball. **Do not** tear root ball apart.

Fill bottom of hole with above mixture so that when plant is placed in the hole the top of the root ball will be at or slightly above soil level. **Do not** plant azaleas deeper in ground than they were growing in pot.

Place plant in hole at desired level and fill around root ball with above mixture.

Water plant in thoroughly with mixture of **Ferti-lome Root Stimulator** at rate of 3½ tbs. per gallon of water. Do this two more times ten days apart.

After watering, place ¼ lb of **Ferti-lome Azalea Food** around each plant on top of soil. Mulch around plants with pine straw.

Continue to keep plants watered well. Azaleas are shallow rooted and will require extra water in periods of hot, dry weather. Fertilize plants in spring after blooming. Trim plants after they bloom, but no later than June 30. Fertilize again in fall with **Ferti-lome Azalea Food**.

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