

EZ Inspiration Guide: Azaleas

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Landscaping Azaleas

NAME	COLOR	FLOWERING	HEIGHT
Delaware Valley White	Pure white	Early Spring	6'-8'
Formosa	Mallow magenta purple	Mid Spring	6'-8'
George L. Taber	White, orchid flush, magenta blotch	Early/Mid Spring	6'-8'
Hardy Gardenia	White	Mid Spring	3'-4'
Pleasant White	White, creamy center	Mid/Late Spring	4'-6'
Pride of Mobile	Watermelon red	Early/Mid Spring	8'-10'
Red Formosa	Reddish Purple	Mid Spring	8'-10'
Red Ruffie	Strong Red	Early Spring	3'-4'
White Ruffles	White	Early Spring	6'-8'

Premium Encore Azalea

Blooms 3 times a year: spring, summer, and fall.
 Encore Azaleas offer 23 choices, little maintenance and big color. Perform best in full sun to light, filtered shade.



Marvin's: EZ Azaleas 101

- Azaleas are used to create a beautiful and unique landscape. Whether used as a privacy barrier or a welcoming invitation along a walkway, knowing which azaleas to choose is the first step.
- Selecting Azalea: 1 gallon are more economical, 3 gallon provides instant size. 5 and 7 gallon azaleas available through special order.
- Azaleas are easy to plant. Azaleas prefer light to moderate shade.
- Know the plants' mature height and width so you can space the plant properly. The plant spacing lets you know how far apart to plant different azaleas.
- Planning: consider each location in the yard and how much sunlight it receives throughout the day. Find out the sunlight requirements for the different azaleas you choose.

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How to Plant Azaleas



Dig hole twice as big as root ball and as deep as the root ball.

If azalea has roots that are circling around the outside of the root ball, make numerous vertical cuts with a sharp knife to encourage new, outward root growth.



Place the azalea in the hole and fill around the azalea half way with well-conditioned soil. **EZ Hint:** Good soil is essential for your azaleas to grow properly. Most soil in the southeast has a lot of clay in it which doesn't drain well. To fix this problem, amend your soil with Miracle-Gro Garden Soil for Trees & Shrubs or peat moss. Using a garden soil helps condition the soil for improved aeration and moisture retention, plus it contains Miracle-Gro Plant Food to get the azalea off to a great start.



Next water the soil to eliminate air pockets, fill the remainder of the hole completely with your amended soil, water again, and build a small mound of soil around the azalea. Make sure the top of the root ball is level or slightly above ground level before mounding the soil.



Fertilize the azalea with Miracle Gro Miracid Plant Food or Miracle Gro Shake N Feed Azalea Food to provide a constant supply of nutrients to the azalea which promotes blooms.

How to Care for Azaleas

Watering:

- Water thoroughly to a depth of 8" to 12". Don't let the azalea wilt. Soaker hoses are good for deep watering of large azalea beds as they decrease evaporation and outbreak of diseases. Evening and early morning are the best times to water as less water is lost to evaporation than midday watering.

Pruning:

- Flowering: prune immediately after they bloom (Spring bloom for Encore Azaleas). This will maintain shape and induce heavy blooming. Also allows bud development for the next year.

Mulching:

- Mulching not only enhances the beauty of your garden but also provides numerous benefits to the soil and the plants growing in it.
- Mulch reduces erosion, conserves moisture, reduces/inhibits weed growth, and insulates the soil (keeps it cooler in summer and warmer in winter).
- Apply 2-4" of mulch.

Fertilizing:

- Azaleas grow best in acidic soil (4.5 to 6.0 pH). To increase soil acidity use sulfur. Use an acidic fertilizer after flowering, not before.
- Use a slow release fertilizer like Miracle Gro Shake N Feed Azalea Food to keep your azalea growing.



Don't Forget These Items!



2 Cu. Ft. Bag Shredded Pine Bark Brown Mulch

Excellent for any soil. Holds moisture & aerates soil. 150029



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Miracle Gro™ Miracid Acid-Loving Plant Food

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Miracle Gro™ Shake N Feed Azalea Food

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