

Rhododendron & Azalea Care

Guidelines when choosing and planting these:

Rhododendrons and Azaleas prefer moist, well drained soil that is high in Humus and Acidic. Inadequate drainage is the number one killer. A preferable site is one that has some shade but is out of the way of strong winter winds and hot afternoon sun.

Fine silk like root structures tend to stay near the surface and resent disturbances. Light mulching is beneficial.

Loose open materials as pine bark make an ideal mulch for these perennials.

Height varies depending on the cultivar. Azaleas tend to be smaller. All flower in the spring.

Dwarf Rhododendron- early to mid April

PJM Rhododendron- early to mid April

Azaleas- April to May

Rhododendrons- May to June

There are five main groups of Rhododendrons and Azaleas.

Large Evergreen Rhododendrons

Small Evergreen Rhododendrons

Viveya

Deciduous Azaleas

Evergreen Azaleas