

#### Aftercare

- During dry spells water plants regularly, up to once a week. In order for these plants to thrive and perform well in the garden keeping them moist is essential.
- Keep borders weed free to reduce competition for water, nutrients and light.
- Carefully deadhead after flowering taking care not to remove the new growing tips that form under the flower
- Use Greenacres Suphur Soil improver as a feed applied twice a year in Spring and Autumn. See packet for how to use.
- Prune away spent foliage in late autumn and winter. Mulch the soil around the plants after pruning with small pine bark chips to ensure roots remain moist even in dry conditions. The plants will then have a good start to the next season.



Rhododendron,  
Camellia and  
Azalea

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gardening guide

## Unpacking Instructions

Please unpack the plants immediately and as soon as possible after delivery plant them in your chosen position. If for any reason you cannot do this the plants can be kept in a cool and sheltered position until you are ready to plant out. Keep plants well watered.

## Before Planting

Ensure that the ground you are intending to plant is weed free. You can add some garden compost or a proprietary soil improver such as our Greenacres 'Sulphur Soil' which increases the natural soil acidity to enhance the growing of ericaceous and lime hating plants. This will give the plants a good start.



## How to Position Your Plant

### Evergreen Azalea

Select a spot in full sun/part shade. If planting in open ground plants can be spaced 3ft (90cm) apart. Plants should not grow taller than 3ft (90cm).

### Deciduous Azalea

Select a spot in partial or full shade. If planting in open ground plants can be spaced 4ft (120cm) apart. Plants may grow up to 5ft (150cm).

### Hybrid Rhododendron

Select a spot in full sun/part shade. If planting in open ground plants can be spaced 4ft (120cm) apart. Plants may grow up to 6ft (180cm).

### Dwarf Rhododendron

Select a spot in full sun/part shade. If planting in open ground plants can be spaced 3ft (90cm) apart. Plants may grow up to 3ft (90cm).

### Camellia

Select a sheltered spot in partial shade, this is to protect delicate flower buds from frost. If planting in open ground plants can be spaced 6ft (180cm) apart. Plants may grow up to 7ft (200cm) but can be pruned to desired height/shape.

## Planting out

Dig a hole twice the width of the pot and to the same depth as the root ball. Loosen the soil at the bottom of the hole to ensure better drainage. Add Greenacres 'Sulphur Soil' improver and some slow release fertilizer to the removed soil. Position the roots so the top of the rootball is 2cm higher than the surrounding soil. Back fill the hole to cover the roots and firm in gently. Mulch with 4cm of small pine bark chips.

## Planting in Containers

Select a container approximately the same width as the plant. Ensure when planting in pots you select a good quality compost. We recommend Ericaceous Compost for these plants. Add a few stones in the base of the container to assist drainage and then part fill with compost. Add Greenacres Sulphur Soil improver and some slow release fertilizer to the compost. Position the roots in the container and back fill the hole to 2cm below the top of the rootball. Then mulch with 4cm of small pine bark chips.



### Top Tip

Keep in mind the plant size after 10 years and don't plant too close together. Fill gaps with small plants.