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Broadleaf Evergreens

Steps for Success!

#N2



#1



#2



#3



Light:

An **EASTERN** exposure is the preferred placement for this group of plants. Morning sun for flowering and foliage.

Soil:

Dig a hole the same depth as the root ball and twice the width. Use **#1 Garden Magic Peat** mixed with native soil. These plants are shallow rooted, with most of their roots near the surface. It is important **NOT** to plant too deep. The surface of the root ball should be level with the original grade of the planting site. (See planting guide for clay soil instructions).

Water:

Water the shrub twice a week when needed during the warmer weather.

Fertilizer:

All rhododendrons and azaleas thrive in an acidic soil. An acid soil can be maintained with the use of

#1 Mir acid® or Hollytone®. Follow directions on package for proper allocation.

Mulch:

Adding a layer of **#3 Scott's Nature Scapes Mulch** (2-3 inches) under the shrub will prevent the root ball from drying out. Do not pile mulch up against the trunk.

Winter Care:

Rhododendrons and Azaleas both have a need for winter protection. Some varieties are more winter-hardy than others but none of them do well in a windy area without protection. These plants can be protected with a physical barrier such as burlap or with an anti-transpirant such as Wilt-Pruf®