

TECHNICAL GROWING GUIDE FOR

Encore® Azalea



KEY FEATURES

Exposure	Plant in light shade to full sun (allow 4-6 hours direct sun for best blooming)
Mature Size	Dwarf varieties grow slowly and are easily maintained to about 2-3 feet tall x 3-4 feet wide Intermediate varieties can be easily maintained at 4-5 feet tall x 3-4 feet wide
USDA Zones	14 varieties proven cold-hardy to zone 6A 23 varieties hardy to zone 6B

- » Blooms spring, summer and fall
- » Work well as foundation plants, as hedges, as specimens and in containers

HOW TO GROW FROM A LINER

MEDIA	Type	Azalea soil mix
	Soil / Bark	60% new screened bark plus 40% old screened bark.
	Lime	Pulverized dolomitic, 3.5 lbs per cubic yard
	Talstar	3.5 lbs per cubic yard
	pH	5.5 - 6.0
	EC	1.0 - 1.5

FINISHING TIME	1 Gal	Plant liner in spring, finish that fall.
	2 Gal	Plant liner in spring, finish that fall and following spring.
	3 Gal	Plant multiple liners in late summer or early fall. Will finish the following fall.

SHIFTING UP	1 ↗ 2 Gal	Shift late summer. Finish with a flush in the spring.
	1 ↗ 3 Gal	Shift in late summer, fall or winter will finish the following fall.

FERTILIZER	Type	Top dress with slow release fertilizer
	App Rate	Medium
	Brands	Harrell's 18-5-13 or Osmocote 15-9-11 or Nutricote 18-8-8

CARE	Light	Full sun
	Growth Rate	Medium
	Water	Medium
	Trimming	Prune After spring bloom

PROPAGATION

Timing	Spring & fall (anytime with good green semi-hard wood)
Type	Semi-hardwood cuttings (not too old)
Hormone	KIBA 4000
Root Rate	Medium

PESTS & DISEASE	Lacebug & Spider mites
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