

GROWER'S GUIDE



Technical Information for Growing Encore® Azaleas

KEY FEATURES

- Easy-care, brilliant color in spring, summer and fall.
- Year-round curb appeal.
- The world's most popular reblooming azalea.

GROWING/PLANTING FROM LINERS

Media:

- Soil/Bark: 60% new screened bark; 40% aged screened bark
- Lime: Pulverized dolomitic, 3.5 lbs per cubic yard
- Talstar (Fire Ant Control): 3.5 lbs. per cubic yard

Media pH: 5.5 to 6.00

Media EC: Mid to upper 20s

Exposure: Full sun to 30% shade

Finishing Time:

- 1 gallon: Plant 3" liner early spring. Should finish fall of same year.
- 2 or 3 gallon: **A)** Two or three 3" liners planted fall-spring should finish the following fall. **B)** Shift up: One quart or three quart (1gal) planted fall-spring should finish the following fall.

Moisture: Consistent

Fertilizer: Top dress at med. rate

- Nutricote, 18-8-8 Advantage OR
- Osmocote, 15-9-11 OR
- Harrells 18-5-13

Common Pests: Lace bug, spider mites, strawberry root weevil

Common Diseases: Rhizoctonia (Aerial Blight)

Trimming: Very light pruning as needed

Growth Regulators: 500/ppm B-Nine

HOME GARDEN INFO:

Light: Sun to high filtered shade for optimal blooming

Mature Dimensions: Varies per variety

USDA Hardiness: 13 varieties proven cold-hardy to zone 6A; 22 varieties hardy to zone 6B



Autumn Belle™ and Autumn Sundance™



Autumn Sunburst™



Autumn Embers™

Have more questions? Contact us!

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