

AZALEAS & RHODIS '23

Varieties, description and culture.....



Prices listed are for use as a general guideline only and are subject to change

Azaleas.

- Gibraltar** **\$54.99** / 5' tall by 4' wide / *Deciduous*. Bright orange blooms appear in large clusters before the foliage in early-mid spring. Very hardy and tolerates more sun and dryness than other azaleas.
- Girard's Christina** **\$39.99** / 4' tall by 5' wide / *Evergreen*. Dense habit covered in double rose-red blooms in spring. The foliage takes on mahogany tones in the fall. Midseason bloom time.
- Girard's Crimson** **\$39.99** / 2' tall by 3' wide / *Evergreen*. Large showy rose-crimson clusters. Nice compact habit.
- Girard's Fuchsia** **\$39.99** / **\$59.99** / 2' tall by 5' wide / *Evergreen*. Striking reddish purple. Compact grower.
- Girard's Renee Michelle** **\$39.99** / 4' tall by 5' wide / *Evergreen*. The dense shrub is smothered with medium pink blooms with red spotting in midseason. Good dark green foliage turns burgundy in the winter.
- Girard's Rose** **\$59.99** / 2.5' tall by 3' wide / *Evergreen*. Covered in bright rose-pink blooms, large clusters with wavy petals. The leaves take on a reddish cast over winter.
- Golden Lights** **\$54.99** / 5' tall by 5' wide / *Deciduous*. Rounded trusses of orange buds open to fragrant flowers of gold.
- Hino Crimson** **\$39.99** / **\$59.99** / 3' tall by 4' wide / *Evergreen*. Bright Crimson blooms. Nice small glossy foliage.
- Johanna** **\$39.99** / 4' tall by 5' wide / *Evergreen*. Intense ruffled red blooms cover the dense shrub in mid-season. The dark glossy green leaves take on a burgundy tint in the winter.
- Joseph Hill** **\$39.99** / 1' tall by 3' wide / *Evergreen*. Bright red blooms on a low growing groundcover form. Blooms later than other azaleas, typically late May or early June here.
- Karen** **\$39.99** / **\$59.99** / 5' tall by 4' wide / *Evergreen*. Rich purple flowers on a larger, upright plant. Hardier than the other evergreen types and tolerates more winter sun exposure.
- Klondyke** **\$48.99** / **\$54.99** / averages 5' tall by 4' wide / *Deciduous*. Bright gold flowers are flushed with orange. Copper-tinged foliage turns red in the fall. Multiple award winner.
- Pleasant White** **\$39.99** / **\$59.99** / 2' tall by 3' wide / *Evergreen*. Pure white flowers on a compact shrub. Nice foliage that stays dark green in the winter.
- Poukhanense Compacta** **\$39.99** / 2.5' tall x 4' wide / *Evergreen*. Low plants with lilac-rose trusses in early season. Small green leaves, tolerates more winter sun exposure than most.
- Rosebud** **\$59.99** / 3' tall and wide / *Evergreen*. Double silvery-pink blooms mid to late season, compact
- Stewartsonian** **\$39.99** / 5' tall by 4' wide / *Evergreen*. Red, near scarlet blooms on a larger shrub. Hardy.
- Weston's Pennsylvanian** **\$56.99** / 5' tall by 4' wide / *Deciduous*. An unusually late flowering selection with fruity-fragrant blooms of pink with an orange eye.

Rhododendrons

- Black Hat** **\$53.99** / 4' tall x 4' wide / *Evergreen*. Early lavender pink blooms with spotted throats. Dark foliage turns even darker in cold weather.
- Blue Baron** **\$16.99** / 6' tall x 4' wide / *Deciduous*. Violet-blue clusters in spring. Upright habit.
- Boursalt** **\$39.99** / 15' tall x 12' wide / *Evergreen*. Large lavender-pink trusses. A proven cold weather performer.
- Cunningham's White** **\$65.99** / 6' tall x 8' wide / *Evergreen*. White trusses with purple-spotted throats turn pink with age. Dark green foliage.
- Holden** **New** **\$39.99** / 6' tall by 6' wide / *Evergreen*. Good size trusses of shell pink have red spotting on the inside of the blooms. Compact habit with dark green foliage.

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- Lee's Dark Purple** **\$82.99** / 5.5' tall x 5' wide / Evergreen / Violet purple trusses of good size.
- Nova Zembla** **\$39.99 / \$65.99** / 5.5' tall by 5' wide / Evergreen. Dark red blooms in early May. Tolerant to extremes
- P.J.M. Elite** **\$16.99** / 5' tall by 5' wide / Semi-evergreen. Floriferous rose-purple trusses in April, ornamental plum-purple leaves in cold weather.
- Polar Night** **\$65.99** / 3' tall and 6' wide / Evergreen. Near black buds open to smoky purple blooms
Leathery dark evergreen foliage and a low spreading habit.
- Purpureum Elegans** **\$82.99** / 8' tall and wide / Evergreen. Rounded trusses of clear purple. Extra cold-hardy with coarse evergreen foliage and a compact, rounded habit.
- Roseum Elegans** **\$65.99** / 6' tall by 5' wide. Evergreen. Large trusses of lilac-rose in May. Good grower.
- Yaku Prince** **\$16.99** / 1.5 feet tall by 3' wide / Lower growing and needing more sun (afternoon o.k.) and handles wind exposure. Light pink rounded trusses occur early.

Japanese Andromeda

- Cavatine** **\$46.99** / *Pieris japonica* / 3-4' tall and wide / Evergreen. A new dwarf version of Andromeda. Small dark green leaves are to scale of this compact mounder. The plant is covered with creamy white.
- Flaming Silver** **\$62.99** / *Pieris japonica* / 4' tall and wide / Evergreen. Dark green leaves with a thin white edge offer multi-season interest. Pink tinged new growth. White flowers.
- Scarlet O'Hara** **\$62.99** / *Pieris japonica* / 10' tall by 6'+ wide / Evergreen. Has the typical chain of white flowers mid-spring and the new red growth. This one differs for having increased vigor, increased winter hardiness, increased sun and wind tolerance, as well as having the ability to reach tree proportions.

Azaleas, Rhododendrons and other ericaceous Plants Culture: *These plants are known widely as shade loving, spring blooming, and growing in temperate southern climates. That is true, although they are versatile enough to grow successfully in colder climates like ours. In our region, we recommend azaleas be grown in more sun to encourage flower bud development. Usually 6 hours or less each day is plenty for these shrubs, but they can tolerate more sun with supplemental summer irrigation and then a winter application of an anti-desiccant. A thick winter mulch over their shallow roots helps as well. Generally speaking, an afternoon cooling off period is required for their success. While azaleas are more tolerant of wind, the bigleaf rhododendrons appreciate a little more of a protected area. With the exception to the deciduous azaleas, plants listed on this page are very sensitive to juglone, so they must be situated a good distance away from any black walnut trees.*

Andromeda thrive in the same conditions as rhododendrons. All prefer acidic and well-drained soil with consistent moisture. Locally this is best achieved in soils high in organic matter content of around 20%. The soil should also be porous enough to avoid anaerobic conditions. Generous applications of pine soil conditioner, or even incorporating pine mulch may help achieve this in clay soil. Careful watering is very important as even a brief period of dryness before establishment may lead to their demise. Just as well too much moisture makes them prone to phytophthora root rot, just as devastating with the symptoms very similar to dry stress. Established plants grown under dry or less than ideal conditions usually show stress by large branches dying or just thinning out.