

RHODODENDRON, AZEALA, HYDRANGEAS

Watering: When first planted, water heavily each day for three to four days. After the first week, water every other day, and then once a week thoroughly.

*Irrigation is not enough on new plantings.

*During the heat of summer, it is also very important to water every three days.

Trimming: Most rhododendrons, azaleas and hydrangeas bloom on old wood. Therefore, trimming should only take place after bloom. Rhododendrons and azaleas should only be trimmed every two years.

Disease control: Insects are rare, the biggest problem is watering. Whitefly and scale are the most prevalent, check with Summit for control methods.

Fertilization: In the fall, use either bone meal or a high phosphorous fertilizer. During the growing season, (April thru August), use a well balanced fertilizer that contains acid.

Cultural Practices: Mulch or compost in the fall and as needed during the growing season. Make sure any broken/dead branches are removed.