QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT / SUN EXPOSURE	Full sun / Partly shady
USDA HARDINESS ZONES	4 to 11
PLANT TYPE	Perennial
PLANTING DISTANCE IN-GROUND	2 feet to 5 feet
CONTAINER SIZE	6 inches or larger
MATURE HEIGHT / SPREAD	18 inches high 5 inches wide
BLOOM TIME	Winter to summer
TIME TO REACH MATURITY	2 to 5 years
FACTS OF NOTE	Show stopper to your garden. Pollinator. Lush red rose color with gorgeous green leaves.

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5" BRAIDED AZALEA TREE

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OUT OF THE BOX

Your plant has been shipped to you in a pot. Please remove the plant from the packaging right away and plant them as soon as possible following the planting instructions below. If it is not possible to plant them right away, follow these important steps:

1. Remove plant from clam shell and place in a sunny location.

2. Keep the plant well watered.

Note: Some leaves may appear wilted or yellow upon arrival. This is due to the stress of shipping and is nothing to worry about. Water the plant and let it recover in a shady location for a few days, then gently remove any foliage that does not recover to allow for new growth.

SHIPPED IN A POT. PLANT SIZE MAY VARY BASED ON GROWING CONDITIONS.

PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS

Important: Thoroughly hydrate the plant by submersing the root zone in a container of water for 10 minutes while you prepare for planting.

1. Remove from clam shell.

2. After watering, remove the pot by holding the plant upside down in one hand and squeezing the sides of the pot with the other.

3. Prepare the root ball for planting by gently disturbing the surface roots with your fingers, fork or gardening tool and pruning any damaged roots. This will encourage the roots to begin growing outward into the new soil.

4. Dig a hole twice as deep and twice as wide as the plant's root ball. Partially backfill the hole with soil and place the plant into the hole. The top of the root ball should be level with the ground surrounding the hole. Refill the hole with soil, firming the soil around the plant with your fingers. Check to be sure the plant is not planted too deeply. If it is, raise the plant carefully and re-firm the soil.

5. Water thoroughly.

SOIL PREPARATION

We recommend having your soil tested periodically by your local County Extension Office (www.nifa.usda.gov/extension or by calling 1-800-333-4636). A soil test can determine if your soil needs any amendments to enhance the growth and performance of your plants.

Ideal garden soil is easy to dig in and drains well while still holding the nutrients and water vital to plant growth. To prepare a bed for in-ground planting, spade or till the soil to a depth of roughly 12-18 inches. Next, spread a 2-4 inch layer of organic matter such as compost, shredded leaves or peat moss over the soil and mix well.

CONTINUING CARE

WATERING

Adequate and consistent watering is essential during your plant's first year in the garden. Infrequent, long soakings of water that thoroughly saturate the soil are more effective than frequent, light applications of water. Due to variable geographical and environmental conditions, a specific watering schedule is difficult to define. However, as a rule of thumb, you should not allow the soil or the original root ball to completely dry out. During the first summer, you may need to water as often as every few days in periods of drought and extreme summer heat. To determine if your plant needs water, dig a few inches into the soil next to the plant. If the soil is dry 2-3 inches below the surface, it is time to water. Over-watering can be as damaging as under-watering. Be sure that the area surrounding your plant has adequate drainage to move water away from the plant. If you choose to plant in a container, always select one with drainage holes to prevent your plant's roots from sitting in water. Once they take root, plants can tolerate drier growing conditions.

MULCHING

Apply a 2-4 inch layer of shredded bark, compost, leaves, straw or other organic matter around your plants to promote moisture retention, maintain even soil temperatures and discourage weed growth. Replenish the mulch as needed.

WEEDING

Keep the area around your plants free of weeds. Weeds compete with surrounding plants for food, water and light. Walk around the garden periodically and pull weeds, including the roots, as soon as you see them.

FEEDING

Fertilize your azalea in both early Spring and mid Summer using an organic water soluble fertilizer.

PRUNING

Prune back any dead flowers/leaves throughout the year. To maintain the size of your tree to your desired size, prune as necessary. Established trees should not require much pruning.

WINTERIZING

Watering thoroughly in late fall will greatly enhance your plants cold tolerance once the ground has frozen. The time to winterize your braided azalea is in late fall. Keep in mind that the root system is the most vulnerable to cold damage. Mulch heavily by mounding a 6-8 inch layer of shredded bark, compost, leaves, straw or other organic material over the crown of each plant. In cold areas, containerized plants can be brought into an unheated, protected area such as a garage or cellar before temperatures drop below freezing. Check soil moisture every 2-3 weeks and water as needed during winter. In spring, remove mulch from in-ground plantings. Containerized plants should be moved back out into the garden sunlight where they will begin to repeat their yearly garden performance. In the winter months (whether outside or inside) they may drop leaves which will regrow in the spring!

FAQ

Your braided azalea tree is a unique addition to your garden and surrounding landscape. Its colorful blooms are enveloped in bright evergreen leaves. The beautifully braided stem adds unique character and appeal, making a real floral statement! The tightly wound buds offer a peak of color as they begin to bloom.