



Rosy Lights Azalea
Rhododendron 'Rosy Lights'

Height: 30 inches

Spread: 30 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Group/Class: Northern Lights Series

Description:

An extremely hardy azalea, smothered in showy fragrant rose-pink flowers in spring before the leaves, tall upright habit and good fall color; absolutely must have well-drained, highly acidic and organic soil, use plenty of peat moss when planting

Ornamental Features

Rosy Lights Azalea is draped in stunning clusters of fragrant rose trumpet-shaped flowers at the ends of the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive cherry red flower buds before the leaves. It has green foliage throughout the season. The narrow leaves turn an outstanding purple in the fall. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

Landscape Attributes

Rosy Lights Azalea is an open multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.



Rosy Lights Azalea flowers
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Rosy Lights Azalea in bloom
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Rosy Lights Azalea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Rosy Lights Azalea will grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 inches. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. It is very fussy about its soil conditions and must have rich, acidic soils to ensure success, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the leaves in alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

This plant is not reliably hardy in our region, and certain restrictions may apply; contact the store for more information.