



**Golden Lights Azalea\***  
*Rhododendron 'Golden Lights'*

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Group/Class: Northern Lights Series

**Description:**

A hardy deciduous azalea, featuring amazing deep golden flowers in spring before the leaves, tall upright habit and good fall colour; absolutely must have well-drained, highly acidic and organic soil; needs a sheltered spot

**Ornamental Features**

Golden Lights Azalea is bathed in stunning clusters of gold trumpet-shaped flowers with peach overtones at the ends of the branches in mid spring before the leaves. It has green deciduous foliage. The narrow leaves turn an outstanding purple in the fall.

**Landscape Attributes**

Golden 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 shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Golden Lights Azalea is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Golden Lights Azalea flowers  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*



*Golden Lights Azalea in bloom  
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- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

### **Planting & Growing**

Golden Lights Azalea will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. 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 foliage 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.

*\* This is a 'special order' plant - contact store for details*