## Fashion Azalea (Rhododendron x 'Fashion')

An evergreen shrub with brilliantly fiery blossoms. The azalea cultivar 'Fashion' grows upright to 5 feet (1.5 m.) tall and wide. It is covered with crimson or salmon colored flowers from autumn through winter.



**Plant Care:** Fashion Azalea will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 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 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.

**Watering:** About 1" of rainfall or added water each and every week throughout the growing season.

## **References:**

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