# Miracle-Gro

# Azalea, Camellia & Rhododendron

# **Ericaceous Compost**

Specially formulated blend of premium compost and Miracle-Gro Ericaceous Plant Food.

- Enriched with Miracle-Gro Plant Food feeds for 3 months
- Fortified with iron for rich green leaves
- PH balanced prevents yellowing of leaves
- Special water retaining agent helps stop your plants drying out and makes watering easier
- Ideal for pots, patio planters, beds and borders

# Plants that love this compost

Pieris, Skimmia, Camellia, Magnolia, Conifers, Berberis, Heather, Azalea, Rhododendron.

# **Useful tips**

#### Feeding your plants

Plants need feeding throughout the season to ensure they remain healthy, beautiful and produce better blooms. Three months after planting with Miracle-Gro Azalea, Camellia & Rhododendron Ericaceous Compost start using Miracle-Gro Azalea, Camellia & Rhododendron Soluble Plant Food for continued fantastic results.



# Where to use Pots and patio planters

#### It's time to repot when:

- The plant is overgrown and has become "root bound" (roots are densely wrapped in a horizontal direction).
- Roots are growing out of the drainage holes.
- The plant's lower leaves turn yellow or drop off.
- The compost is faded or crusty.

#### How to repot:

- Dispose of all last year's compost on a compost heap or flower beds.
- Wash containers thoroughly.
- Water the plant thoroughly.
- Place some crocks over the drainage holes and partly fill the pots with Miracle-Gro Azalea, Camellia & Rhododendron Ericaceous Compost.
- Place the root ball in the compost.
- Fill the remaining space, firm lightly and water well.
- Keep in a sheltered place, away from strong winds, frost or sun until the new plant has settled and new roots have grown.

### **Planting in beds & borders**

- Water the plant thoroughly.
- Dig a hole twice the size of the plant root ball.
- Part fill the hole with a mixture of 50% soil and 50% Miracle-Gro Azalea, Camellia & Rhododendron Ericaceous Compost.
- Ensure the plant is at the same level as in the original pot.
- Fill in firmly, then water.

### **Creating acid beds**

- If your soil is very alkaline, create an isolated bed that will hold Ericaceous Compost separate from your existing soil.
- Choose a partially shaded spot in your garden and remove the garden soil to a depth of at least 45cm (18in).



#### Watering your plants

Compost in containers should be kept moist at all times and not be allowed to dry out. In areas where tap water is 'hard' and forms lime-scale in your kettle, try to water with rainwater whenever possible. This will help to maintain an acid balance in the compost in the long term.



- Line the bed with a well pierced polythene sheet and fill with Miracle-Gro Azalea, Camellia & Rhododendron Ericaceous Compost.
- Plant up your acid-loving plants and keep watered.

#### Health and Safety Advice:

- Use in well ventilated place and avoid breathing in dust.
- Always wear gloves when gardening and then wash hands after use.



#### Did you know that you're part of one of the world's largest recycling efforts?

Each year, Scotts Miracle-Gro reuses thousands of tonnes of material from gardens and forests in many of our compost mixes, to help you grow plants that enhance your environment and make the world more beautiful.



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# 40 litres when filled

Volume may reduce by up to 10%\*