

How To Care for Indoor Potted Encore® Azaleas



Bringing your Encore Azaleas indoors:

is a **great solution** for planting if you live in a part of the country where winters are too severe for outdoor azaleas.

Choose Your Variety:

With evergreen leaves and blooms in a wide range of colors, **dwarf Encore Azaleas** are a good choice for containers.

Choose Your Container:

- **Choose a container with drain holes or drill your own.** Then, use gravel in the bottom to ensure drainage.
- Your container should be **4-6 inches wider than the root ball.**

Light:

- **Bring your container into a bright room** and place it near a window, but be sure it doesn't get too cold on frosty nights.
- **The plant needs good light**, such as morning direct sun and afternoon shade or bright indirect light all day.

Temperature:

- **Temperatures around 60-65° F** are best for houseplant azaleas to perform well.
- **Cooler temperatures** will also help **blooms last longer.**



Moisture:

- **Never let these plants dry out**, but remember the soil should be moist, not waterlogged.
- **Beware the hot, dry air of a heating vent!** To increase the humidity around your plant, place the pot on a tray filled with wet pebbles or use a room humidifier.

Tip:

If possible, once a week **submerge your potted azalea in a larger container of water**, pot and all, so that the potting mix rehydrates thoroughly. When the bubbles stop, pull it out, and let it drain.

Don't's:

- **Misting of the leaves is not recommended, as this can promote fungus.**
- **Don't fertilize Encores until spring flowering is complete.** When you do, be sure you use a fertilizer for acid-loving plants.