

# How to Plant Encore® Azaleas in Red Clay

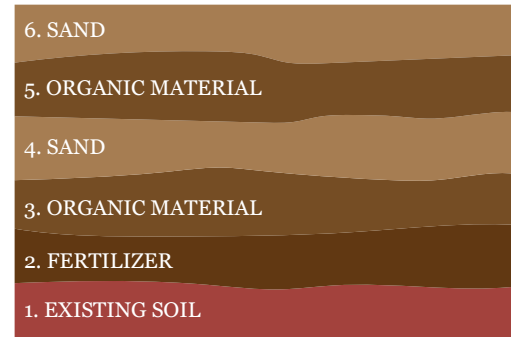


## PREPARE THE BEDS:

1. **Till or dig up the first 6” of soil** in your garden bed.
2. **Perform soil test** to determine pH.
3. **Add fertilizer** in amount and type determined by your soil test.
4. **Add 2” of organic material** such as pine bark mulch, soil enhancer, peat moss, compost, or leaf mold.
5. **Add 1 or 2” of sand or perlite** for drainage.
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7. **Add 1 or 2” more of sand or perlite.**
8. **Till or turn with a fork thoroughly. Smooth with rake. Continue to The Drainage Test below.**

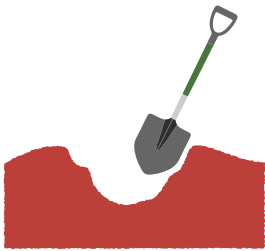
## YOU WILL NEED:

- Shovel
- Rake
- Fork
- Soil Test
- Fertilizer
- Organic Mulch
- Sand / Perlite
- Water
- Stick
- Crushed Rock or Stones

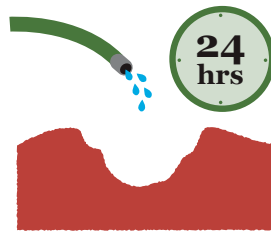


## THE DRAINAGE TEST:

- 1 Dig a hole (depth = height of rootball).



- 2 Fill hole with 6” of water. Wait 24 hours.



- 3 Check hole. If all water has drained out, proceed to Step 6. If not, proceed to Step 4.



- 4 Mark the water depth with a stick. 1” of the stick should be visible above the water. Remove water or wait for it to drain.



- 5 Place crushed rock or stones in the hole, completely covering the stick.



- 6 Place azalea in hole and backfill.

