

# Encore® Azalea Winter Care



## 1. Selection

Select the right Encore® Azalea for your area.

Many varieties of Encore® Azalea are cold hardy to zone 6A, and all are hardy throughout most of the country.



## 3. Add Mulch

Mulch helps retain moisture in the soil and adds insulation to the root zone.

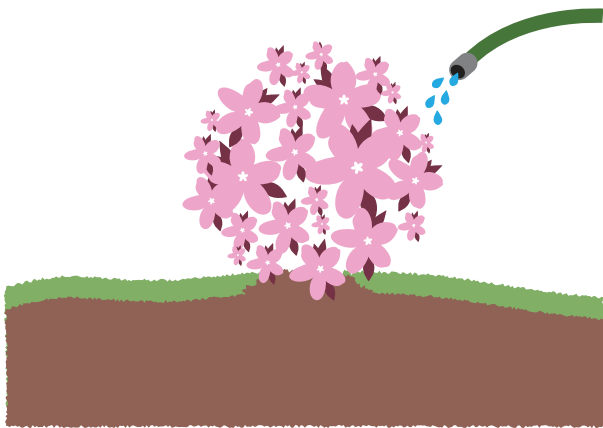
Add about 4 inches of mulch in fall to protect the roots from first frost. Pine straw or bark is ideal.



## 2. Adequate Moisture

Make sure the soil around your plants has plenty of residual moisture.

If plants are dry before cold weather hits, this can damage your Encore® Azaleas.



## 4. Covering

If needed, use burlap or a breathable fabric material, and avoid plastics.

Cover is especially beneficial for new or recently transplanted azaleas, which have not had enough time to establish a strong root system.

