

Broadleaf Evergreen Care

Azaleas, Rhododendrons, Mountain Laurel, Pieris

Broadleaf evergreens are beautiful additions to any home landscape or garden. Their dark green, glossy leaves retained year round and their unique showy flowers make them excellent specimens.

In order to successfully grow these plants in your garden several easy cultural practices are necessary, once these are met you should have no problem growing these beauties.

Site Selection

Light Shade

(Ideally morning sun and afternoon shade)

Protection

It is very important to keep broadleaf evergreens protected from strong winds.

Winter Care

Protection from Deer

Broadleaf evergreens are a favored food of deer

Anti-Desiccant

The large glossy leaves make these plants susceptible to drying during the cold winter winds, therefore spraying these plants with something like **Wilt Proof** to prevent drying is highly recommended in our climate.

Soil

Broadleaf evergreens have shallow, fibrous roots that require oxygen.

Good Drainage

High in Organic Matter

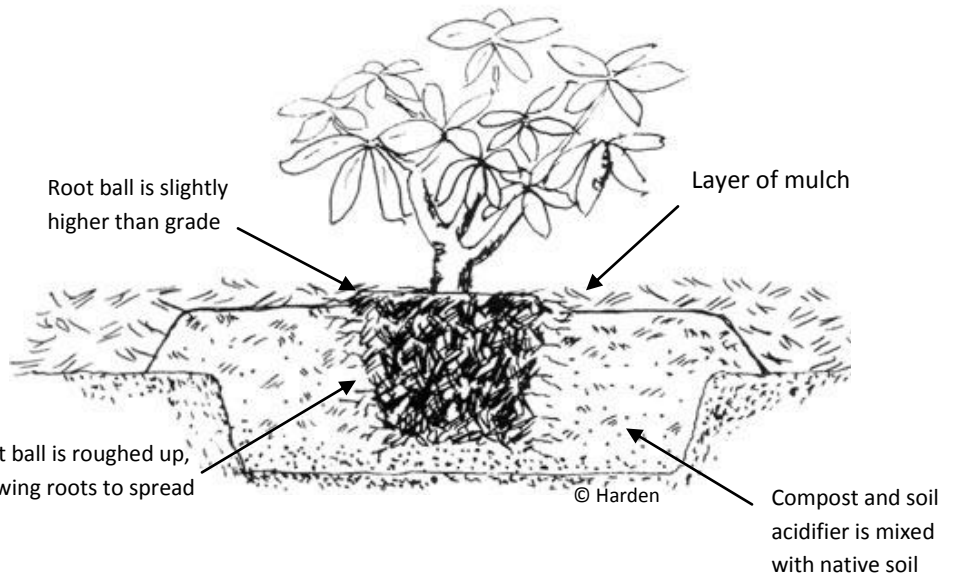
(adding compost or pine soil conditioner is highly recommended)

Acidic

(acidify your soil by using sulfur tablets or HollyTone)

Mulch

(mulch is necessary for keeping the shallow roots cool and moist)



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