

Cultivation notes from our specialists



Tips & Tricks

Rhododendron hybrids

- Finalize potting by the first half of December, so Rhododendron can use all of its energy to develop branches and flowers in the spring. Potting in October results in well-developed roots before wintertime.
- Propagation in January or February is possible, but not optimal, because plants will grow faster above the soil surface than below. The risk of leaf burn is high.
- After starting with high quality young plants, we recommend to:
 - Control the EC levels in the pots. Especially in high temperatures and during the flowering phase.
 - Maximum EC level in the pot, indoors 0.6 mS/cm.
 - Maximum EC level in the pot, outdoors 1.0 mS/cm.
- Rhododendron needs a lot of (diffused) sunlight for optimal photosynthesis and assimilation. Keep the plant leaves out of direct sunlight.
- In low temperatures during spring it is beneficial to apply Peters Professional Winter Grow Special twice in 14 days during April. The high trace element amounts support the plant when these elements are hardly absorbable (in low temperatures, wet circumstances).



Crop Protection

Rhododendron hybrids

Sciara

Rhododendron is very sensitive to Sciara, so quick rooting is important. Keep irradiation limited and control the temperature, especially because this crop roots in the summer.

Wine Weevil (*Othiorhynchus sulcates*):

Mainly older or over-aged plants. Take preventive actions against larvae in the growing medium. Curatively it is necessary to apply protection products against adults (beetles) during the summer months (evening applications).

Phytophthora spp.

Very sensitive to stem rot and root rot (*Phytophthora* spp.). Protect the plants by avoiding peaks in greenhouse climate, irrigation and nutrition.

Caterpillars and aphids

Apply a first round of protection products on the leaves during spring.



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