

# Broadleaf Evergreens

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*

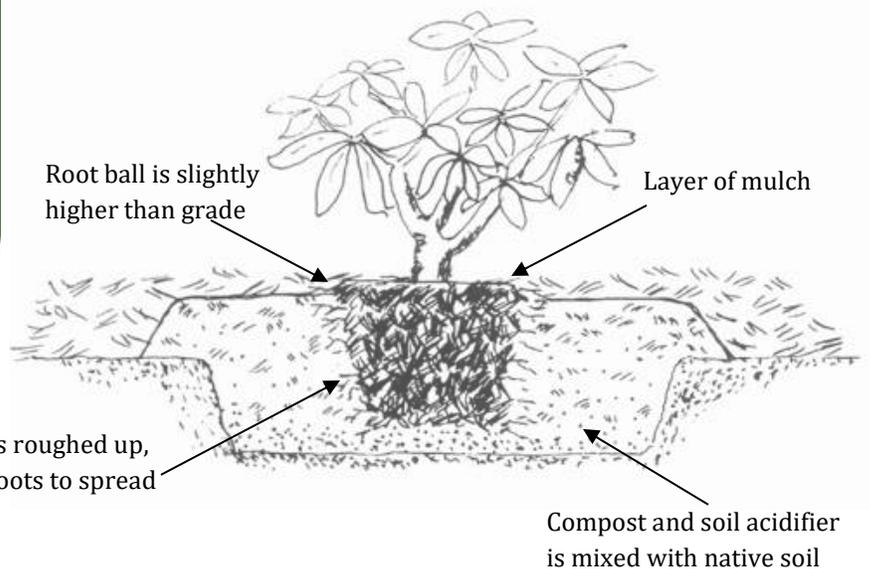
Broadleaf evergreens have shallow, fibrous roots that require oxygen.

The soil should have **good drainage**

**High in Organic Matter**  
Adding compost is highly recommended

**Acidic**  
Acidify your soil by using sulfur tablets or Holly Tone

**Mulch**  
Mulch is necessary for keeping the shallow roots cool and moist



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Below are some general descriptions on the type of broadleaf evergreens we carry.

Ask one of our staff for more information on different cultivars of each plant!

Plant	Height (ft)	Sunlight (hours)	Wind tolerance	Browse Risk	Notes
Azalea	3-4	2-6	Low	High	Flower colors range from white to pink to red
Boxwood	2-6	4+	Low	Low	Shapeable hedge with high deer resistance
Holly	4-20	4+	Moderate	Moderate	Blue, Inkberry, and Japanese are evergreen
Leucothoe	2-5	4-6	None	Low	Typically has variegated foliage with small flowers
Mountain Laurel	3-10	4-6	Low	Moderate	Flower colors range from white to pink to red
Pieris	2-10	4-6	Low	Low	Glossy leaves and small, bell-shaped flowers
Rhododendron	3-20	4+	Moderate	High	A wide array of floral colors and sizes



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