## **Stonegate Gardens**

## Perfecto Mundo Red Reblooming Azalea

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# Perfecto Mundo® Red Reblooming Azalea Rhododendron 'NCRX8'

Hardiness Zone: 6b

Group/Class: Perfecto Mundo Series

#### **Description:**

This outstanding selection is covered with rich red blooms in spring, then re-blooms from mid summer to fall on new wood; highly resistant to pests and disease; an excellent choice to mass in groupings, or as a focal point of the garden



Perfecto Mundo Red Reblooming Azalea flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Ornamental Features**

Perfecto Mundo Red Reblooming Azalea features showy clusters of red trumpet-shaped flowers at the ends of the branches from mid spring to mid fall. It has dark green evergreen foliage which emerges chartreuse in spring. The glossy oval leaves remain dark green throughout the winter.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Perfecto Mundo Red Reblooming Azalea is an open multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Perfecto Mundo Red Reblooming Azalea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

### **Planting & Growing**

Perfecto Mundo Red Reblooming Azalea will grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 3 feet apart. It has a low canopy. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

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This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. You may want to keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is very fussy about its soil conditions and must have rich, acidic soils to ensure success, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

This plant is not reliably hardy in our region, and certain restrictions may apply; contact the store for more information.