



**Encore® Autumn Amethyst™ Azalea**  
*Rhododendron 'Conlee'*

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 5b

**Description:**

Clusters of blooms that are hot pink with lavender highlights cover this azalea in mid-spring and again for a lighter encore in fall; deep green glossy foliage turns dark purple in winter; needs highly acidic and organic soil that is well drained

**Ornamental Features**

Encore Autumn Amethyst Azalea is covered in stunning clusters of hot pink trumpet-shaped flowers with lavender overtones at the ends of the branches from mid spring to early fall. It has dark green foliage. The glossy narrow leaves remain dark green throughout the winter. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

**Landscape Attributes**

Encore Autumn Amethyst Azalea is an open multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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.

Encore Autumn Amethyst Azalea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

**Planting & Growing**

Encore Autumn Amethyst Azalea will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.



*Encore Autumn Amethyst Azalea  
flowers*  
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This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. 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 leaves 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.