

SHRUBS: AZALEAS & RHODODENDRONS

- Culture and Care:

<https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/fs12/html>

- Fertilize, if [soil test](#) indicates need, just after flowering with fertilizer formulated for acid-loving plants
- Mulch to control weeds and conserve moisture.
- Prune off diseased and dead branches.
- [Dead head](#) (remove) spent flowers after blooming



Spent flower removal. Photo by Steve Henning

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- Azaleas are prone to a lot of different problems. Consult WSU's *Identifying, Treating, and Avoiding Azalea and Rhododendron Problems*: <https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/identifying-treating-and-avoiding-azalea-and-rhododendron-problems-replaces-eb1229-physical> **FREE**-to download- click "Download Now"
- [Root weevil](#)



*Caption: Adult root weevil damage
Photo by: E.P. Breakey*

[Azalea/Rhododendron Lace Bug](#)



Azalea Lace Bug damage

http://oregonstate.edu/dept/nurspest/Azalea_lacebug.pdf

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- [Marginal Leaf Necrosis](#)
- [Physiological Leaf Spot](#)
- [Sunscald](#)



*Caption: Rhododendron marginal leaf necrosis
Photo by: R.S. Byther*



*Caption: Sunburn on rhododendron
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*Caption: Rhododendron physiological leaf spot
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