

FERTILIZING

We recommend using a slow release granular fertilizer. If you can find one specifically designed for acid loving plants, all the better! Apply this on the soil surface in the spring, around the time of flowering. Rhodies are sensitive to the build up of salts from excessive fertilization. Be sure to follow the label instructions and use the lowest recommended rate.

If you would like to use an organic fertilizer, cotton seed meal works well. Broadcast it under the branches of your plant using one handful for every foot of height or width, whichever is greater. Apply in the spring.

Be very careful not to apply nitrogen after June. It will cause your plant to grow too late into the season and may not harden off in time for winter.

And of course having a flock of chickens roaming your garden improves soil fertility too.....