

CAMELLIAS

➤ **Soil**

Acidic, well-drained and rich in organic matter.

➤ **Habit**

Habits vary greatly by variety. Camellias may be upright or sprawling, single petal to full formal doubles. Check posted information.

➤ **Light**

Filtered light. Shelter from hot sun and drying winds.

Camellia sasanqua varieties will tolerate more sun.

➤ **Water**

When established, deep infrequent water through summer.

➤ **Fertilizer**

Use a fertilizer for acid loving plants once a month after flowering until buds appear. Do not fertilize when plant is in bud or bloom.

➤ **Maintenance**

After flowering prune to shape.

➤ **Problems**

Scorched or yellow areas in center of leaves.

Sunburn.

Burned leaf edges with excessive leaf drop

Too much fertilizer.

Yellow leaves with green veins

Iron chlorosis. Apply chelated iron or iron sulphate.

Flowers turn brown

Petal Blight. Remove infected flowers, clean up fallen flowers, avoid overhead watering

Bud drop

Some bud drop is normal. Excessive bud drop is often caused by overwatering or low humidity.