

Satsuki Azalea Bonsai Care Calendar 2019/20

REMEMBER: WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH?

Month/Season	Fertilizer	Repotting	Wiring	Trimming/Pruning	Care	Sprays/Other
December Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Fertilizer – Except fertilize after flowering is completed – Nitrosol/Charlie Carp/ Powerfeed/organic fert. etc Fertilizer if in development *Seasol – liquid potash/potash No fertilizer while flowering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repot after flowering – do not repot if the weather is hot 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prune after flowering remove dead/wilting flowers including seed pods Prune leave 2 x 2 after flowering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove flowers Malathon spray Summer may have to water 2 x daily Protection from rain if in flower – do not wet flowers or water trees from overhead If in flower 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remember: What are you trying to achieve? Seasol – is an option. It is not a fertilizer but it is a plant and 'soil conditioner' Bug Killa -Richgrow – Amgrow systemic insecticide for Lacebug
January Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term slow release Continue fertilizing **Extra potash *Seasol 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can be done now – do not repot if the weather is hot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After flowering or Can be done all year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leaves prune 2 x 2 Prune lightly - carefully as new buds are being formed If in development do not worry about new buds When flowers wither remove them & remove seed pods Remove unwanted shoots, up & down shoots and shoots at the base 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check wire Anti fungal treatment – Mancozeb for petal blight The quality of care you provide in SUMMER will affect the development of next season's buds May have to water 2 x daily 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potash/Potassium – see notes below Anti fungal treatment – Yates Zaleton dual action systemic fungicide Mancozeb Fungicide – use as directed
February Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ***Extra Potash/Liquid Potash *Seasol Slow down fertilizer programme or if in development keep to regime 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can be done now before buds set – as above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wire now and check existing wiring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leaves prune 2 x 2 Prune lightly - carefully as new buds are being formed If in development do not worry about new buds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove dead flowers and seed pods Remove unwanted shoots and basal shoots New buds being formed now May have to water 2 x daily 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are you trying to accomplish

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March Autumn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Seasol • Slow down fertilizer regime or if in development keep to regime • Liquid Potash/Potash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be done now – do not repot if the weather is hot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wire now or check existing wire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trim to shape only – be aware of the new buds or if in development trim to shape ... • Growth is decreasing now 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spray for Lace Bug *** • New buds are still forming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malathon Insecticide ***Lace bug spray
April Autumn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Seasol • Commence low nitrogen fertilizer or • If in development stay with your regime • Liquid Potash/Potash 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wire now or check existing wire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trim to shape only – be aware of the new buds or if in development trim to shape ... should be only a minimum • Growth is decreasing now 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O.K. what are you trying to achieve? • Check PH – should be in a range of 4.6 - 6
May Autumn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Seasol • Commence low nitrogen fertilizer or • If in development stay with your regime • Liquid Potash/Potash 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wire now or check existing wire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trim to shape only – be aware of the new buds or if in development trim to shape ... should be only a minimum pruning • Growth is decreasing now 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be aware of fungal diseases • Rootrot **** • Remove fallen leaves keep clean and tidy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • **** Rootrot • Amgrow have a systemic product that may control rootrot
June Winter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Seasol • No fertilizer or can use low nitrogen fertilizer OR • If in development stay with your regime 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wire now or check existing wire – do not let the wire dig in! 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be aware of fungal diseases • Rootrot **** • Remove fallen leaves keep clean and tidy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low nitrogen fertilizer e.g. Tomato fertilizer, check N.P.K. for low nitrogen level
July Winter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Seasol • No fertilizer or can use low nitrogen fertilizer OR • If in development stay with your regime 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wire now or check existing wire – do not let the wire dig in! 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove excess moss, especially around the base of the trunk. • Be aware of fungal diseases & Rootrot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • So, what are you trying to accomplish? • Rootrot is usually caused by overwatering of poorly draining soil causing roots to rot (usually a fungus)

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August Winter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Seasol • Increase or start fertilizing OR If in development stay with your regime 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repot now 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wire now or check existing wire – do not let the wire dig in! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove flower buds if in development • Pinch unwanted shoots • Remove shoots that take light away from flower buds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signs of growth may appear now • Fungal spray • Root rot treatment if needed • Remove excess buds • Thread grafts before growth commences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ****Fungal spray • Mancozeb
September Spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Seasol • Trace elements • Feed fortnightly • OR If in development stay with your regime ...if repotted this month do not fertilize yet wait 2– 4 weeks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repot now 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care of buds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trim unwanted foliage • Grafts before bus open • Prune/remove shoots that cover or stop light from flower buds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Root rot alert 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now, what are you trying to achieve? • Bug Killa -Richgrow – Amgrow systemic insecticide for Lacebug
October Spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Seasol/Chelated iron • Feed now and stop when buds commence to open • OR If in development stay with your regime 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repot now 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late spring some varieties will 'snap' now –be careful 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thin out flower buds • Thread grafts before buds open • Prune/remove shoots that cover or stop light from flower buds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thin flower buds • *Bayleton to control Petal blight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Bayleton is a fungicide and may control Petal Blight • Bug Killa -Richgrow – Amgrow systemic insecticide for Lacebug • Length of at triggers flowering
November Spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Seasol • No fertilizer during flowering • OR If in development stay with your regime 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If flowering is finished you can repot your tree/s 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before repotting & after flowering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prune/remove shoots that cover or stop light from flower buds • Remove dead/wilting flowers & seed pods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shade or bring in side when flowering • Protection from rain • Do not wet the flowers • Do not water overhead when flowering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gee, what are you trying to accomplish? ... • Bug Killa -Richgrow – Amgrow systemic insecticide for Lacebug

Potash and potassium are interchangeable. Potassium helps plants to move water and sugar inside themselves, so it makes fruit juicier and sweeter and it also improves the quality of flower. It helps strengthen plants - it thickens their cell walls. A general purpose fertiliser containing nitrogen applied will produce a surge of growth, but the growth is soft and sappy. Applied on its own, potassium produces the same surge of growth, only that growth is strong and less susceptible to rot. Potassium helps defend plants against disease. By creating thicker cell walls, it makes it difficult for germinating fungal spores to punch a hole through the side of the cell wall and cause disease

The function of phosphorus in plants is very important. It helps a plant convert other nutrients into usable building blocks with which to grow. Since most plants in the garden are grown for their flowers or fruit. It is believed to enhance the flowers and the flowering lasts longer.

All the sprays are suggestions only – there may be other treatments available and you may have to search/research to find them. All of the above information comes from various sources and the timing for all treatments and maintenance is subject to your local environment and various weather variations. They are a guide only.