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Golden Lights is the newest color selection of the Northern Lights Azalea hybrids. It matures at approximately 4 feet in height and spread. In late May the plants are covered with 1½ to 2 inch golden flowers. Flower buds can withstand -30° F without injury in mid-winter. Golden Lights azalea has the added advantage of greater resistance to mildew than previous introductions of Northern Lights hybrid azalea cultivars.

Azaleas require an acid soil for best growth. However, they can be grown successfully in soil of neutral pH if an ample amount of acid peat is used for backfilling around the roots and if the plants are fertilized once or twice annually with acid fertilizer. Since azaleas have a fibrous shallow root system, they will need water during dry periods. A mulch is recommended to help retain moisture. Avoid planting azaleas in poorly drained soils.

Erratum: Flower buds of Golden Lights can withstand  
-30°F without injury in mid-winter.

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