

Anti-Desiccants Work On Stored Azaleas

Winter storage of container grown evergreen azaleas is often unsuccessful due to excessive leaf fall by late winter or early spring. Anti-desiccants should be given a trial for preventing this problem, believes Elton M. Smith, Extension horticulturist, Ohio State University.

Smith reported research results with anti-desiccants in a recent OSU Nursery Notes.

In an attempt to prevent leaf fall of Shams Flame Azalea, four anti-desiccants were applied to plants in a commercial nursery poly storage in Lake County. The anti-desiccants were Folicote at 1 (A.D.) to 4 (water) and 1 to 19; Foli-Gard, 1 to 4; Vapor Gard, 1 to 19; and Wilt-Pruf at 1 to 4. The first treatment was applied on Dec. 9, 1969, about 10 days prior to converging with the second layer. The second application was Feb. 10, 1970.

Leaves were counted on Apr. 3, 1970, on the terminal portion of stems six inches in length of three plants per treatment. Results are in Table I.

Most effective treatments with one application, Smith said, were Wilt-Pruf (1-4) and Folicote (1-4).

Tulsa Nurseries Organize

Twenty-eight nursery and allied landscape firms in and around Tulsa, Okla., have formed the Tulsa Association of Nurserymen. President Jim Sanseverino of Midwest Nursery Co., said the new association is

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We certainly enjoy your publication and feel that it is gaining popularity among the turf managers in our area.—WALLACE G. MENN, instructor, Texas A & M University, College Station.

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Table 1. Effect of anti-desiccants on leaf retention of Shams Flame Azalea stored under poly structures.

Treatment	Rate	Percentage increase in number of leaves on stems in April	
		One Application December	Two Applications Dec. & Feb.
Folicote	1-4	20	35
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Foli-Gard	1-4	5	20
Vapor Gard	1-19	5	35
Wilt-Pruf	1-4	15	20
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to provide an information exchange among members and to keep up with current trends in the industry. Other officers are vice-president — Graydon Honeyman of Holland Nursery Co.; and secretary—Earl Foster of Green Thumb Garden Center.

All Turf Entries Win For Venable Sprinkler Sales

Texas Turf Irrigation Association tagged a first-place award on the only two entries of Venable Sprinkler Sales, Inc., Irving, Tex., in the 1970 TTIA design and installation contest. Venable won in the heavy turf golf courses and parks division with its New Providence Development Corporation golf course in Nassau, Bahamas. The winning home lawn division entry was the W. Earl Harrison home in Waco, designed by Stanley Wright of Venable.

Judging was based on quality of design, appearance of the drafting work and adequate design criteria. The entry must have been designed, sold and installed by the entering firm, according to association rules.

This was the second year in a row for Venable Sprinkler Sales to win in the heavy turf contest. Last year the firm took top honors with its entry of the Burke Lake golf course at Annandale, Va.



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