

CAMELLIAS

LIGHT

- Dappled shade to morning sun; afternoon shade is best here in zone 7b/8a Birmingham heat.
- Too much direct sun can scorch leaves and fade bloom color.

PLANTING & SPACING

- Plant with the top of the root ball slightly above grade — camellias hate wet feet.
- Space 4-6 ft apart for hedges; more for specimen shrubs (many mature to 8-12 ft).

WATERING

- Water deeply once or twice a week the first year to establish a strong root system.
- Once established, water during dry spells; mulch 2-3 in. to hold moisture.

FERTILIZING

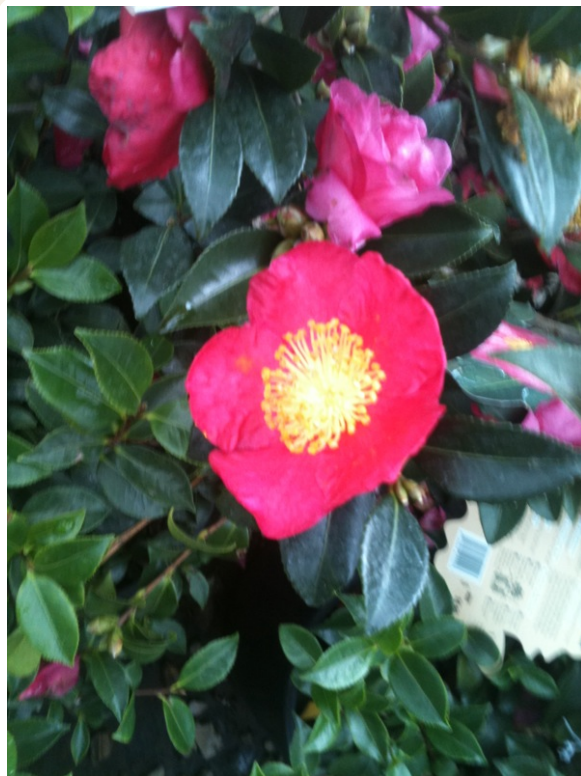
- Feed with an acid-loving/camellia-azalea fertilizer just after bloom, in spring.
- Skip late-summer feeding — new growth won't harden off before frost.

PRUNING

- Prune right after flowering, never in fall — buds for next year set on new growth.
- Remove dead or crossing wood and shape lightly to keep air moving through the canopy.

SEASONAL & PESTS

- Fall and winter bloomers shrug off our mild winters here; mulch roots ahead of hard freezes.
- Watch for tea scale on leaf undersides — treat with horticultural oil if spotted.



Camellia 'Hot Flash' in bloom

OUR FAVORITES

IN STOCK NOW

- Mine No Yuki
- Shishigashira
- Kanjiro
- Egao Corkscrew
- October Magic White Shi-Shi
- October Magic Crimson N' Clover
- RL Wheeler
- Ballet in Pink
- High Fragrance
- Hot Flash