

Camellias

40 Acres, 60 Varieties

SOIL CARE, FERTILIZING, AND PRUNING

TYPICAL AGE OF MONROVIA'S CAMELLIAS

- 5 gallon – 5 years
- 7 gallon – 7 years
- 15 gallon – 8 years

SOIL CARE

- Acidic soil – pH 4.5-6.5

FERTILIZER

- Use acidic fertilizer
 - Synthetic – time release fertilizer
 - Organic – cottonseed meal, compost
- Feed camellias as soon as they stop blooming
 - Sasanquas approximately February
 - Japonicas approximately May
- Fertilize both types of camellias in August as well

PRUNING

- Best time to prune is right after flowering and before new leaf buds have emerged
 - Sasanquas approximately February
 - Japonicas approximately May
- Remove dead, diseased, and damaged branches first
- Remove crossing and rubbing branches
- Thin out over crowded growth in the center of the shrub to allow more light and air flow

