



MONROVIA®

*Grow Beautifully*

# 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