

# Deciduous Magnolias

## SOIL CARE, FERTILIZING, AND PRUNING

### SOIL CARE

- Prefers slightly acidic soil (pH 5.5-6.5) This will allow Iron and Magnesium to be absorbed and maintain nice green foliage
- Well drained soil that is not water logged, use planting mix and amend the soil as needed
- They like mulch to help keep the roots cooler and prevent weeds

### FERTILIZER

- Use slow release general purpose fertilizer every 3 months – spring, summer, and fall
- Give magnolias plenty of water in the summer months

### PRUNING

- Prune in May – this gives the longest possible time for new growth throughout the season and to set next spring's flower buds
- Remove dead, damaged, and diseased branches as well as those that may be rubbing or crossing
- If looking to reduce the overall height, can reduce height by 1/3 in one year
- The goal is to maintain a shapely tree in a dome or cone shape
- If the tree is multi-trunk, you can encourage new growth and flowers by pruning lower branches, this will enable the tree to flower from top to bottom

