

Cultural Information- Bambusa

(bam-BOO-suh)

Hardy to Zone 8 and higher for outdoors.

Full or partial sun, grows to 8-15' in container, minimum temperature 50°.

<u>Light:</u>	Full to partial sun, a southern, eastern or western exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 50°F.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Preferably 50% or higher; however, they will tolerate low levels of humidity for a short time.
<u>Watering:</u>	Bring soil to dryness between waterings. When watering, thoroughly saturate the soil until some water trickles from the bottom of the pot. Growing in a clay pot will help maintain a healthy root system.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Moderate feeders who need regular application once a week during active growth: ¼ tsp of fertilizer per gallon of water of a balanced fertilizer. Discontinue feed in the winter.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Bambusa can be cut back to maintain height. If old canes get thin and rough looking, these can be removed.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Few problems with insects, however, in containers they can have root disease if kept too wet.
<u>Comments:</u>	Bambusa are fairly easy plants to grow in pots and will tolerate a wide range of light and temperatures. Plants that are grown cold can emerge out of winter looking a little rough, however, the new growth of spring will quickly fill in.

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