

Cultural Information – Origanum

(or-RIH-gah-num)

Hardy to Zone 8 and higher for outdoors.
Full sun, grows to 6" in container, trailing in habit, blooms in summer.

<u>Light:</u>	Full sun, a southern exposure. Grown as close to the window as possible. Direct sunlight is needed.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 35°.
<u>Humidity:</u>	They will tolerate wide swings in humidity with no harm.
<u>Watering:</u>	Bring the soil to a state of visual dryness between watering. When watering, thoroughly saturate the soil until a little water runs out of the bottom of the pot. Growing in a clay pot will help maintain a healthy root system.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	They are moderate feeders, especially when grown under high light; use ¼ tsp of fertilizer per gallon of water once a week when in active growth. Use a balanced fertilizer like a 15-15-15 or a blooming fertilizer like a 7-9-5. Stop feeding during the winter or when active growth has stopped.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Prune or pinch young plants to create a multiple branched specimen. Prune at the end of the season, once flowering has finished.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Origanum have few problems with insects. When grown under high humidity and we soil conditions, foliar and root diseases can be a problem.
<u>Comments</u>	Origanum needs full sun and prefers cool temperatures. When grown under high heat, they cannot be watered excessively. They make good hanging baskets. Make sure to allow some dryness of soil between waterings.

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