

Cultural Information- Saccharum
(SAK-er-um)

Hardy to Zone 9 and higher for outdoors.
Full sun, grows to 6-10' in container, minimum temperature indoors 35°.

<u>Light:</u>	Full sun, a southern exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 35°.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Preferably keep relative humidity above 50% although they can tolerate lower levels without harm.
<u>Watering:</u>	Allow soil to become visually dry between waterings and then thoroughly saturate the potting mix. Under high light and warmth they can be kept evenly moist.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Under high light and warm growing conditions they are heavy feeders that can use weekly feeding of a balanced fertilizer lower than 15-15-15 like a 7-9-5. Discontinue in winter when light is low and temperatures cool.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Plants can be cut back if canes or plant height is too large. This is best done when they are actively growing. Even tall plants can be cut back to a foot from the soil level, and they will quickly resprout.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Few problems with insects. They do have trouble with rust on the foliage if grown under wet and humid conditions. This never destroys the plant but does cause cosmetic damage.
<u>Comments:</u>	Sugar Cane is an easy and fast growing plant that can be grown in a pot or planted in the ground for the summer garden. As plants mature the thick stems can be cut and chewed for their sugar content.

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