

Cultural Information – Tradescantia

(trad-es-KAN-tee-uh)

Hardy to Zone 10 and higher for outdoors.
Full to partial sun, grows 8-10" in container, minimum temperature 55°.

<u>Light:</u>	Full to partial sun, a southern, eastern or western exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 60°; however, they will tolerate low temperatures with no harm.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Preferably 50% or higher; however, they will tolerate low levels with no harm.
<u>Watering:</u>	Bring soil to a state of visual dryness between watering. When watering, thoroughly saturate 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>	Apply monthly or bi-monthly; they are not heavy feeders. Fertilize with ½ tsp of fertilizer per gallon of water. Use a balanced fertilizer like a 15-15-15 or 7-9-5.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Prune a little bit to maintain size. Soft pinching of the growing tips will create a fuller specimen. Once the plant reaches 6-8", prune back to create side branches.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	No insects or disease.
<u>Comments</u>	Great indoor plant for windowsill culture. Tradescantia is tolerant to dryness and indoor atmosphere. Needs some direct sunlight.

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