

Cultural Information – Eucalyptus

<u>Light:</u>	Full sun
<u>Temperature:</u>	In containers they can tolerate temperatures down to freezing or a little below. Many varieties have a good bit of hardiness even to zone 8 with a few going to 6b.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Humidity is generally not an issue
<u>Watering:</u>	Bring the potting mix to visual dryness and then thoroughly saturate the media. They like a wet/dry cycle when grown in containers. In the ground they are drought tolerant.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Moderate feeders so a monthly application of a balanced fertilizer during its active growing season is beneficial.
<u>Pruning:</u>	In containers they need periodic pruning to maintain size as they are often tall grower. This is best done in the spring as new growth begins.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Insects generally do not bother them with the exception of mealybugs. In containers if soils are kept to wet they can have problems with root disease.
<u>Comments</u>	Eucalyptus can be grown as containers plants with judicious pruning. Many are very large trees when planted in the ground 50 to 60 feet or more and being from Australia they have amazing drought tolerance.