

Cultural Information – Pachira
(pak-EYE-ruh)

<u>Light:</u>	Full or partial sun; a southern, eastern or western exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 60°.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Preferably 50% or higher; however, they will tolerate lower levels with no harm.
<u>Watering:</u>	Even moisture in the potting mix; best to avoid extreme dryness although is a plant tolerant to various soil conditions.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Moderate feeders weekly or bi weekly application of a dilute balanced fertilizer.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Plants can be pruned at any time growth is excessive. They easily resprout and quickly fill in even from a hard pruning.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Few problems with either insects or diseases.
<u>Comments</u>	Pachira or 'Money Tree' is an easy subject for container culture. It is adaptable to a wide variety of conditions from soil to waterings to light levels. For best growth, give plants some direct sunlight during the day and grow at temperatures above 60°, as it is a plant that grows in swamps. Keeping even moisture at the roots is helpful; just be sure the drainage in the pot and potting mix is good. If given room at the roots with good light and fertilizer, they can be vigorous plants in containers. To maintain height and form, pruning is necessary.