

Cultural Information – Acmella
 (ak-MEL-uh)

<u>Light:</u>	Full or partial sun, a southern, eastern or western exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 60°. Will take cooler temperatures even down into the 40's if the light level is high and soil is not kept excessively wet.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Generally 50% although they can handle lower levels without harm.
<u>Watering:</u>	Bring potting mix to visual dryness and then thoroughly saturate the potting mix until some water trickles from the bottom of the pot. Attention needs to be given to its soil moisture needs as it transpires rapidly so goes into a wilt easily. Growing in a clay pot will help ensure a healthy root system.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Moderate feeder. Feed with a balanced fertilizer no higher than 15-15-15 biweekly through the growing season. Discontinue feeding in fall and winter.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Can be pruned back anytime the growth gets out of hand and it is in active growth. This is usually late winter to early fall.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Highly susceptible to thrip. Some susceptibility to spider mites and white flies. Slugs also feed on the foliage. Little problems in the way of fungus diseases in our culture.
<u>Comments</u>	An easy herb to grow if it has plenty of sun. Fast growing it takes well to pruning.