

Cultural Information – Codiaeum
 (koh-dih-EE-um)

<u>Light:</u>	Partial sun to shade, an eastern, western or northern exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 40°.
<u>Humidity:</u>	They will tolerate wide swings in humidity with no harm.
<u>Watering:</u>	Bring soil to a state of visual dryness between waterings. When watering thoroughly saturate soil until a little water runs out of the bottom of the pot.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Under higher light and warm temperature they are moderate feeders and can be fertilized once a week or every other week with a dilute balanced fertilizer such as a 15-15-15 or lower. Under lower light feed once a month. Discontinue during the short days of winter.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Pruning can be done any time the growth is excessive. They are often sheared in hedges in warmer regions when grown outside.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Few problems with insects or disease.
<u>Comments</u>	Crotons are great plants for indoor growing as well as outside in the tropical garden or summer patio gardens in the north. They are colorful and resilient in culture, tolerating dryer conditions and a wide range of sun exposures. They take well to pruning and thus can be maintained at various heights and forms.