

Cultural Information – Furcraea
(fer-KREE-uh)

<u>Light:</u>	Full sun to partial shade; a southern, eastern, or western exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain temperatures above 40°.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Tolerant to a wide range of air humidity levels.
<u>Watering:</u>	Allow soil to dry between waterings. Grow drier in the winter under cool conditions, and wetter in the summer when it's warm. Be sure to thoroughly saturate the soil until some water trickles from the bottom of the pot. Growing in a clay pot will help ensure a healthy root system.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Moderate feeders that benefit from applications of fertilizer throughout the growing season. Feed every two weeks in the summer with a balanced, diluted fertilizer like a 15-15-15 or lower or once a month in the summer with an organic granular fertilizer.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Little need for pruning.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Few if any problems with diseases or insects. When grown cool, which is below 60° on a constant basis, keep on the dry side to prevent foliar and root problems.
<u>Comments</u>	Furcraea are drought tolerant plants that work well as container plants, even under periods of neglect. They need to be grown above freezing and will grow faster if given feed and more frequent water during the heat of the summer.