

Cultural Information- Lewisia
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| <u>Light:</u> | Full or partial sun, a southern, eastern or western exposure. The more sun the better. |
| <u>Temperature:</u> | In containers maintain above freezing. Hardy in the garden to zone 4 or well below zero. |
| <u>Humidity:</u> | Can tolerate wide swings in relative humidity. Prefers a drier environment than wetter. |
| <u>Watering:</u> | Allow the mix to become visually dry between waterings and thoroughly saturate the potting medium until the water trickles from the bottom of the pot. In the garden, water regularly when first planted if conditions get droughty otherwise once established they can manage on their own. |
| <u>Fertilizer:</u> | Meager feeders in containers. An occasional feeding with a dilute strength balanced fertilizer no higher than 15-15-15 will help produce a fuller plant. Just go easy. In the garden little is needed. |
| <u>Pruning:</u> | Little pruning is need except to clean up the old stems in the spring. |
| <u>Insects and Disease:</u> | Few problems with insects or disease. Mealybugs can be a problem if infected plants are nearby. Root rot can overcome potted plants or even garden plants if soil moisture is excessive for long periods especially under cool conditions. |
| <u>Comments:</u> | Lewisia are generally considered rock garden plants preferring a well drained soil and bright sun. In containers use a open potting mix and grow a little on the dry side. |