

Cultural Information- Mangifera
 (man-GEF-er-uh)

<u>Light:</u>	Full sun; a southern exposure is best.
<u>Temperature:</u>	In pots in the north it's best to maintain temperatures above 60°.
<u>Humidity:</u>	As a general rule relative humidity of 50% or higher is best although they will tolerate lower levels without harm for short periods.
<u>Watering:</u>	Always bring the soil to visual dryness between waterings and then thoroughly saturate the soil until some water trickles from the bottom of the pot.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Feed with a balanced fertilizer at moderate levels when in active growth. A liquid feed diluted by half once every two weeks or quarter dilution once a week. Topdressing every month or two with an organic fertilizer also works well. Be sure to use a low balanced fertilizer no higher than 15-15-15.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Trees in container need little in the way of pruning with the exception of maintaining form and height. Flower buds form from the previous year's growth so a pruned branch has to go through one cycle before flowering.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Highly susceptible to root diseases. Grow in clay pot and manage the watering and fertilizer accurately. Excess of both encourage root rot. Cool temperatures also exacerbate a diseased root system. Little problems with insects. Some scale insects affect mangos but generally that is a problem in tropical growing areas.
<u>Comments:</u>	Mangos can be a fun project for containers as long as they have plenty of light, warmth and accurate watering. Fruiting can begin when plants are 3-4' in height. In the north they can be somewhat slow growing so it does take time to reap the rewards of one's labor.