

**Cultural Information- Muntingia**  
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<b><u>Light:</u></b>	Full sun; a southern exposure is best.
<b><u>Temperature:</u></b>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 60° for continuous flowering. Cooler temperatures down to freezing will slow or stop fruiting.
<b><u>Humidity:</u></b>	Maintain humidity above 50% although it will tolerate lower levels for short periods of time.
<b><u>Watering:</u></b>	Bring soil to a state of visual dryness between waterings and then thoroughly saturate the soil until a little water runs out of the bottom of the pot. Growing in a clay pot will help ensure a healthy root system.
<b><u>Fertilizer:</u></b>	Moderate feeders: fertilize once a week with a low balanced fertilizer like a 15-15-15 or lower or use an organic-based fertilizer once or twice a month. Discontinue feed during the winter.
<b><u>Pruning:</u></b>	Prune any time growth is excessive. Muntingia is a rapid grower and needs periodic pruning of reaching branches to maintain size in containers.
<b><u>Insects and Disease:</u></b>	Few insects affect the plant. Root disease can be a problem in containers under cool, damp conditions during the winter months.
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>	Muntingia is a fast-growing tree that will fruit most of the year as long as the light is high and the temperatures warm. Restricting the size of the container and periodic pruning will help maintain manageable size. Flowering occurs on the new growth and even after pruning the flowering cycle will quickly return.