

Cultural Information – Osmanthus
(os-MAN-thus)

<u>Light:</u>	Full or partial sun, a southern, eastern or western exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain temperatures above 35°. They prefer cooler temperatures during the winter.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Preferably 50% or higher; however, they will tolerate lower levels without harm.
<u>Watering:</u>	Keep the soil evenly moist; severe dryness when grown in containers can hurt them. When watering, thoroughly saturate soil until a little water runs out of the bottom of the pot. Growing in a clay pot will help maintain a healthy root system.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Give them little if any fertilizer. They are sensitive to elevated salt levels. A top dressing of cottonseed meal in the spring is adequate for a years growth.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Repot once plants has completely filled the pot. They respond well to pruning and need to be cut back periodically to maintain form, otherwise, they can get leggy looking. The best time to prune is in the spring.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	They are susceptible to spider mites, especially when grown indoors. Spray with Pure Neem Oil at first signs of infestation.
<u>Comments</u>	They are prone to edge burn, which is browning of the tips of the leaves. This condition is not fatal but difficult to control.