

Cultural Information- Phormium
 (FOR-mee-um)

<u>Light:</u>	Full or partial sun, a southern, eastern or western exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 35°.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Tolerant to a wide range of relative humidity levels without trouble.
<u>Watering:</u>	Allow the soil to become visually dry between waterings and then thoroughly saturate the potting mix.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Moderate feeders during the summer months or when temperatures are warm. Use ¼ tsp of fertilizer per gallon of water of a balanced fertilizer like a 15-15-15 or a 7-9-5.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Little need to prune except to remove damaged leaves.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Few problems with insects. They can have root disease problems if kept too wet and cool in the winter.
<u>Comments:</u>	Phormium are great accent plants and quite tolerant to neglect. Plants can become fairly large, to 3 or more feet in height. They can be stored in a cool, moderate-to-low light spot in the wintertime providing the water is managed. Water when dry but do not keep in a saturated soil.