

**Cultural Information- Phyllostachys**  
*(fy-lo-STAK-iss)*

<b><u>Light:</u></b>	Full sun; a southern exposure is best.
<b><u>Temperature:</u></b>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 50° in container. Hardy to Zone 7 for outdoors.
<b><u>Humidity:</u></b>	Preferably 50% or higher; however, they will tolerate lower levels without any harm.
<b><u>Watering:</u></b>	Bring the soil to a state of visual dryness between waterings then thoroughly saturate the soil until a little water runs from the bottom of the pot. Do not allow plants to go into a severe wilt.
<b><u>Fertilizer:</u></b>	Moderate feeders. Fertilize every two weeks using a low, balanced fertilizer like a 15-15-15 or lower. Discontinue feeding during the winter.
<b><u>Pruning:</u></b>	Remove damaged or old leaves as needed. As the plants mature, older and small canes can be removed for ascetic reasons.
<b><u>Insects and Disease:</u></b>	Few problems with diseases or insects.
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>	The black bamboo is an easy cultivar to grow either as a garden plant or in containers. To produce a mature specimen, pot size needs to be fairly large. In the garden, it is a spreading variety and placement needs to accommodate that characteristic.