

Cultural Information – Spathiphyllum
(spath-ee-FIL-um)

<u>Light:</u>	Partial sun or shade; an eastern, western, or northern exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 60°.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Preferably above 50% but will tolerate lower levels without harm.
<u>Watering:</u>	Water when the surface of the potting mix appears dry, yet before visible wilt, and then thoroughly saturate the mix.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	They are low-level feeders that benefit from occasional applications of fertilizer. Feed once a month with a diluted balanced fertilizer like a 15-15-15 or lower. Discontinue during winter.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Little need for pruning except to remove old yellowing or damaged leaves and old flower stems.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Can be susceptible to mealy bugs if in contact with other infected plants. Susceptible to root disease if kept too wet and cool.
<u>Comments</u>	Spathiphyllum or Peace Lily is a famous houseplant that tolerates low humidity and light and flowers under shady conditions. In general, they can be grown in windowsills with partial sun or in the interior of the home under indirect light. It's important to grow them warm and never let them go into a severe wilt, as they don't come out of it as easily as other plants. Root disease can be a problem under heavy wet potting mixes and cool temperatures. Otherwise they are an easy plant to grow and amazingly trouble free.