

PLANTS for HOME & GARDEN Fruiting, Rare and Tropical Plants

<u>Cultural Information – Aspidistra</u> (ass-pi-DIS-truh)

| Light: | Partial sun or shade, an eastern, western or northern exposure. |
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| Temperature: | Maintain temperatures above 35 degrees. |
| Humidity: | Unaffected by wide swings in humidity. |
| Watering: | Bring soil to visual dryness between waterings. When watering, thoroughly saturate the 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. They will, however, tolerate periods of extended dryness with ease. |
| Fertilizer: | Fertilize once every two weeks with ½ tsp. of fertilizer per gallon of a water-soluble fertilizer when in active growth. Use a balanced fertilizer like a 15-15-15 or a blooming fertilizer like Dyna-Gro Liquid Grow Plant Food 7-9-5. Stop feeding in winter. |
| Pruning: | Little or no pruning is needed. |
| Insects and Disease: | They are little affected by insects or diseases. |
| Comments: | Aspidistra are indestructible plants often used in the harshest of indoor conditions. They will tolerate low light levels and long periods of dryness. |