



## Cymbidiums

Cymbidiums are surprisingly easy to care for. Their generous abundance of leaves stay green all year and give them lush appearance not found in many orchids. Cymbidiums grow best in containers making them perfect for patios, porches and decks and can be left outside all year (see care). Tall elegant flower stalks are long lasting and make excellent cut flowers as well. They are available in standard and miniature varieties and come in a wide range of colors.

Cymbidiums can be brought into the house to enjoy the blooms, be sure the buds are at least mature and close to opening, as the temperature change can cause the underdeveloped buds to drop.

**Light:** Cymbidiums should be grown outside, in morning or late afternoon sun. They should be protected from the hottest mid day sun as well as cold temperatures. Although they can tolerate temperatures as low as 28° for short periods, plants should be protected from a hard frost, by keeping them under an over hang or covered with frost cloth.

**Water:** Water thoroughly when dry and let drain, they should never be allowed to set in standing water.

**Fertilizer:** Fertilize every other time you water with a balanced fertilizer such as "Miracle Gro" (15-30-15) or Grow More Premium Orchid Food (20-20-20). Never fertilize a dry plant, only when your plant is well hydrated.

**Repotting:** Cymbidiums should be repotted when the "bulbs" completely fill the pot and after they are finished blooming, usually after March. A repotting instruction sheet can be picked up in the Flower Shop.