



CITRUS

Sweetly scented blooming Citrus plants are like sunshine in a pot! These easy-care fruiting houseplants fill sun-drenched spots in your home with long-lasting fragrance and bright color. Easy to grow in the right spot, they'll bring you years of delight!

LIGHT:

Citrus plants require bright sunlight to flower and produce fruit, generally 8-12 hours a day. During the fall and winter, move your Citrus to make sure it gets the brightest light possible.

In the summer, you can bring your plants outside. To acclimate them to the outdoors, place in a mostly shaded spot, and gradually give them a little more direct sunlight every day. If you place them in full sun right away, their leaves will scorch. In September, bring your Citrus indoors. Check for pests and give it a good washdown.

TEMPERATURE:

Citrus thrive in household temperatures, daytime from 70° to 75°F, and night from 55° to 65°F are ideal. They can tolerate temperatures as low as 40° to 50°F, but it may cause them to drop flower buds and fruit.

WATERING:

To insure your Citrus are being watered properly, remember one word: CHECK. Everything varies in your home, sunlight, dryness, heat, but the one thing that will stay consistent is what water level your plant likes. While flowering and producing fruit, Citrus plants use water at a faster rate.

Place your finger in the soil at a depth of 3 to 4 inches. Citrus are planted in a heavy, sandy soil mix that feels dry in the top 2 inches, so you need to go a little deeper. If it feels wet, do not water. If it feels moderately dry like a wrung out sponge, it's time to water your Citrus!

Water until the excess runs out the drain holes at the bottom of the pot. Remove all standing water so it will not be absorbed back into the soil. This will prevent root rot.

HUMIDITY:

Citrus plants require more humidity than the average houseplant. Mist your plant's foliage generously and often with clean, lukewarm water. You can also place your plant on a tray of moistened pebbles to add humidity to their environment.

FEEDING:

During the growing season, from March through October, feed once a month a "Citrus specific" fertilizer. Be sure to follow the label directions.