

Cymbidium – This advice is for the usual cold hobby house without heating

WATER	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
	Thorough water on the morning of a day that you would expect washing to dry. Small pots require water more often. <u>Every 10 to 14 days</u>	Thorough water on the morning of a day that you would expect washing to dry. Small pots require water more often. <u>Every 7 to 10 days</u>	Thorough water on the morning of a day that you would expect washing to dry. Small pots require water more often. <u>Every 7 or so days</u>
FERTILIZER	½ strength balanced fertilizer after every 2 nd watering	½ strength balanced fertilizer after every 2 nd watering	½ strength balanced fertilizer after every 2 nd watering
Light	Good light although whites and especially greens may be better with more shade as this will give cleaner coloured flowers.	Good light although whites and especially greens may be better with more shade as this will give cleaner coloured flowers.	Good light although whites and especially greens may be better with more shade as this will give cleaner coloured flowers.
TEMPERATURE	Day - As warm as practical but ventilate at 20deg.C Night - Avoid frost & chill factor Close house at say 3pm to improve minimum night temperature	Day - As warm as practical but ventilate at 20deg.C Night - Avoid frost & chill factor Close house at say 3pm to improve minimum night temperature	Day - As warm as practical but ventilate at 20deg.C Night - Avoid frost & chill factor Close house at say 3pm to improve minimum night temperature
FLOWERING	Keep flower spikes staked and trained to give a pleasing natural arrangement - DON'T leave it until the flowers have opened and then stake/train as the result does not look natural and pleasing to the eye - despite the proclivity of florists, Cymbidium flowers are not naturally presented upside-down, that is lip to the top. However please don't try to stake and train strongly arching or pendulous stems to an upright position, let them arch or fall gracefully and naturally. Train upright spikes to below bottom flower when temperatures are warm. Don't shift plants orientation when in spike		
OTHER	Scatter bate for slugs, snails & Mice Check for bugs (aphids, scale, mites and mealy bug) and treat when necessary. Watch for snails/slugs and keep baits out for them -hey they can eat in one night what you have been waiting to see for the past year!!		