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**WATERING:** As a general rule Cymbidiums should be watered once a week in winter and every two days in summer. Water more often during periods of extreme heat.

**FERTILISING:** Cymbidiums are not gross feeders. Weakly, weekly is a good “rule of thumb”. Feeding once a week with half the recommended strength of any commercially available balanced fertiliser from spring through autumn will suffice.

**RE-POTTING:** When the orchid has grown to fill the container, the plant can be either potted on into a bigger container or, if the plant is large, divided into two or more separate pots. Spring is the best time to re-pot or divide Cymbidiums. A free draining quality orchid mix should be used.

**LIGHT & POSITION:** Cymbidiums enjoy a sheltered position with morning sunlight and dappled shade during the remainder of the day. Where possible the plant should be kept off the ground to avoid worms, which break down the orchid mix, and soil borne diseases.

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