

## Dionaea muscipula (Venus Fly Trap) - Care Leaflet

## Summer

- > Full, direct sunshine, in- or outdoors
- > Rainwater only, sit in water (in a deep saucer)
- > You cannot overwater the plant in summer
- > Feeding: we have never found this to be necessary, as the plants only require a few insects per year to survive. If you are worried, stick the plant outside on a sunny day and watch it go to work

## Winter

- > We recommend a cool, airy, light area, between 0 °C to 10 °C. An unheated conservatory or cold greenhouse on a frost stat are ideal.
- > The plants will have a dormancy period, which can vary from just a few traps browning/turning black (remove) to the whole plant going underground.
- > During dormancy, the main risk to the plant is rotting caused by fungal diseases, usually a result of overwatering. Reduce watering, keeping the plant damp, but never let them dry out completely.

Rainwater alternatives: distilled, de-ionised, reverse osmosis water

**Repotting:** The plant benefits from annual or bi-annual repotting, in a specific peat and perlite mixture or specialist peat free mix (both available from our on line shop).

**Seeds:** Keep refrigerated, sow from March onwards frost free, on top of the peat/perlite mixture, do not cover, sit in rainwater in full sun.

We highly recommend you research your plants on the internet for more detailed information, or look on:

www.wackswickedplants.co.uk