

## ALLAMANDA – GOLDEN TRUMPET

This vigorous climbing shrub is originally from tropical America (Brazil, Guyana). Long, glossy dark leaves grow in a whirled fashion (in a ring around the stem). The flowers are waxy funnel shaped, and about 1 1/2" long and open up to a rich yellow. They appear profusely from summer well into fall and winter.

### **Light**

Provide a very bright location, with at least four hours of sunlight daily.

### **Temperature**

Allamanda like warm temperatures. Temperatures should be at least 60F or 16C.

### **Humidity**

High humidity is essential for a healthy, hardy allamanda. Mist the foliage frequently or, stand the pot in an oversized tray with moist pebbles. Add water to the pebbles daily in the winter months.

### **Water**

Water moderately during the active growth period, allowing the top inch or two of potting mix to dry. Water sparingly during the rest period.

### **Fertilizer**

Feed with a water-soluble plant food like Plant Prod 20-20-20 or 15-30-15 during the growing season to encourage flowering, at a rate of 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon per litre of water.

### **Repotting**

Use a well-drained soil base potting mixture. Repot plants in pots one size larger in spring.

### **Pruning**

In late winter cut allamanda back. They may be pruned up to 2/3 back. This will encourage a dense flush of new growth, which will ultimately provide plenty of new bloom.