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REPOTTING ADVICE FOR CYMBIDIUMS

In the Peel Region there is often more than enough rain for the plants in winter, but in summer, you may have to water daily or even twice a day if the temperature rises above 35°C.

If your plant is splitting the pot or is big and untidy, then report or divide after flowering – the best time is early spring.

Here are a few simple rules to follow:

1. Any orchid mix, pine bark or wood chips are suitable as these are free draining and can be purchased from most nurseries.
2. Clean Black plastic pots with good drainage holes are the best to use.
3. Do not put plants into a too big a pot.
4. The potting mix should never get wet and soggy, as this will cause the roots to rot.
5. Clean up the plant – pull off untidy leaves and husks.
6. Tap the plant out and look at the roots. If they are white and crisp, the plant is healthy.
7. Shake of any old potting mix.
8. Trim roots a little and pull off any soggy dark or black roots.
9. Position the plant so the bulbs are level with the top of the pot.
10. Gradually add the new potting mix, firming it down gently.
11. The roots should be firmly surrounded by new potting mix.
12. If you want to divide the plant pull it apart gently.
13. A well divided plant would have minimum of three blubs with leaves and at least two back bulbs.
14. Do not make the divisions too small or it will take years for the plant to flower again.
15. Any leafless green blub can be stripped of roots and replanted, partly buried, into potting mix or moist sphagnum moss and put into a plastic bag. A big majority will shoot and become flowering plants in time.