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Allspice & Bay Rum Care Instructions

Provide your Allspice or Bay Rum tree with a full to part sun location out of doors during frost free periods. A mature Allspice is known to tolerate temperatures as low as 25-28F but foliage may be damaged as well as young stems. These tropical trees make easy container specimens assuming you provide them with a well-draining, good quality potting soil with a near neutral pH range, moderate fertility, and average moisture.

During winter, provide your tree with as much direct sunlight as possible. And when your tree is indoors, watch it's water usage and be sure that you allow the top ½ to 1" of soil to dry out between waterings. If using a saucer, water your plant from the top, some water should end up in the saucer. Wait 30 minutes or so and dump any remaining water that is left in the saucer (your trees should never be allowed to sit in standing water for any extended period). If the soil soaked up all of the water then you may need to add more water, once again being sure to empty any excess after a reasonable time period.

Use a balanced slow release, non-burning, preferably acidifying fertilizer similar to Osmocote 14-14-14 during the growing season. A heaping teaspoon for 1 gallon of soil is normally sufficient to keep these small trees healthy and growing. We generally fertilize ours in late March and may do so again in August if needed.

One thing to note is that trees that have been growing under greenhouse conditions may need time to acclimate to full sun conditions. Even if the foliage does get sun scalded initially the benefits of growing under full sun conditions should soon overcome any initial losses in foliage with healthy, sun tolerant, new growth.

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