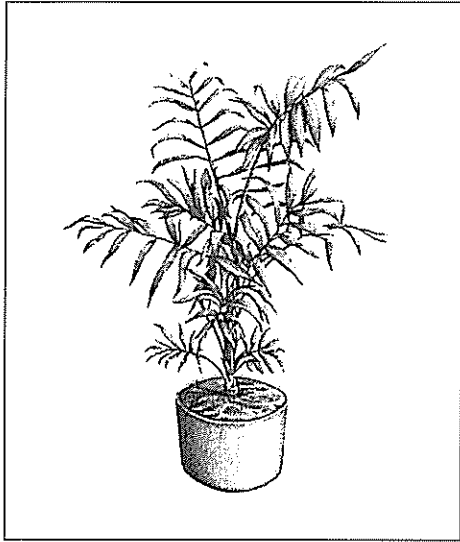


PARLOR PALM, NEANTHE BELLA PALM



The common name of parlor palm suggests why the specific epithet name is elegans: truly an elegant plant specimen. Native to Mexico and Central America.

Botanical Name *Chamaedorea elegans*

Ethylene Sensitivity No

Interior Light Level 50–150 foot candles

Storage 55–60°F. Acclimatized plants can be stored for up to 15 days at proper temperature and humidity. Ideally, plants will be stored for 1 week or less. It is chill sensitive.

Purchasing Hints This is a durable plant and can be sold as soon as the first true leaf appears. Purchase plants with sleeves to avoid damage during transport.

Additional Information Root quality and quantity decrease when grown in pots that transmit light. No pruning should be done, as there is only a single point of growth activity. Don't over fertilize; this species is sensitive to excessive salts in the growing media. This species is one of many plants that has been shown to remove such pollutants as benzene and formaldehyde from air. Watch for fluoride-induced tip burn, which can come from irrigation water and use of fertilizers such as superphosphate. The addition of dolomitic lime into the growing media helps reduce this problem.