

# Carnivorous Pitcher Plants and Venus Flytraps

## *Sarracenia* and *Dionaea Muscipula*

Best outdoors in container/pot in saucer or tray. Yellow trumpet, parrot pitcher and Venus Flytrap need 5+ hours direct sunlight in growing season.



**Containers/planting:** place pot in plastic container with standing water with drain holes/slits at bottom to avoid stagnant soil. Or, plant in a laundry tub or wading pool with side drain holes to create a small bog.

**Water:** Keep soil wet. Rainwater best; tap water OK.

**Soil:** for *Sarracenia* use peat and perlite (2:1 or 1:1). Same for Venus Flytrap or 1/3 sand and 2/3 sphagnum moss. No compost, fertilizer, potting soil or lime. Change soil every 2-3 years in spring.

**Winterizing:** (Nov – Feb.) *Sarracenia* and Venus Flytrap (VTF) become dormant. Leaves turn brown; must keep watered. Below 20 °, cover plants with 2 layers of reemay; no mulching necessary. VTF can't stand over 1 week of freezing temps. *Sarracenia* revives in spring, self-propagating; may be thinned every 3 years. VTF revives if kept watered and in moderate environment; switching indoors/ outdoors not recommended.

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