

# Sam's Tips For Great Orchids



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## 1. Know Your orchid Type

- Epiphytic (grows on trees) or terrestrial (grows in potting medium)
- warm or cool growing
- Visit your local orchid society to learn more about orchids

## 2. Water Regularly

- Check variety for water requirements
- Some like it everyday, some once a week

## 3. Do Not sit in Water

- All epiphytic orchids hate wet feet.

## 4. Liquid Fertilise weekly; weakly.

- Avoid high nitrogen
- Use fertiliser with 1:1 N:K ratio
- Check the preferred feeding for your orchid type or variety.

## 5. Do Not "Over Pot"

- Most orchids like tight, bound roots. Do not pot into pots that are too big for the orchid.
- Epiphytic orchids will grow roots outside the pot...this is a good thing.