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RED SEALING WAX PALM (Cyrtostachys Renda)

So named because a red wax was obtained by boiling down the red petioles which was then used by nobility for imprinting a seal on documents and letters.

This palm requires very specific care for it to do well in Florida.

Do not under any circumstances plant this palm before the beginning of April.

This palm, while in a container, must be kept protected from cold weather. When the temperature is going to be below 48 degrees, bring the palm in. If this is not possible, push the palm up against the house, well protected from cold wind, wrap the post with a blanket or heating pad or use a halogen light as a heat source.

You must, must use fungicide.

During the winter, you must spray the palm with a Mancozeb based fungicide once a month in December, January, February and March. Make certain that you fully saturate the base of the palm making certain it gets down into the leaf sheaths and all the small suckers, as well as the soil itself. It is best to spray when the outside temperature is below 70 degrees.

(Red Sealing Wax palms are susceptible to a cold weather fungus that is easily controlled by this spraying).

ECOSANE, SUPERTHRIVE & MANCOZEB

According to DeArmand Hull of the Dade County Extension Service, Ecosane, when sprayed on plants once a month, improves their cold hardiness considerably. It appears to be a wonderful product for all your plants, but especially Red Sealing Wax. Ecosane is exceptionally difficult to locate. As a substitute, "Superthrive" is excellent and is available at better garden centers. Mancozeb fungicide is available at Ace Hardware and also at Galloway Nurseries on Galloway Road (87th Avenue) and Sunset Drive under the trade name Dithane. Ecosane is available at a little nursery on 97th Avenue, just north of Sunset Drive, called Earnesto's Good Earth.

These palms love filtered light or light morning sun. They also need plenty of water. Water 3 – 4 times a week. Use Miracle Grow fertilizer, in a light application, twice a month wetting the leaves as well as drenching the soil. Every now and then use in addition, but not during the same week, Miracid Fertilizer.

MANCOZEB IS THE SAME AS DITHANE