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What kind of light do they require? They grow in light shade.

How much water do they need? Water regularly during the growing season.

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