

General

Care of Houseplants



Low indoor humidity can damage houseplants causing brown leaf tips. Placing plants on pebble trays filled with water can increase humidity. Spider mites thrive in dry conditions, but can be removed by hosing plants down with cool water or using insecticidal soap every 3-4 days. Pebble trays can be made from large plant saucers and cleaned with vinegar to remove mineral buildup.

The do's and don'ts of houseplant care

- Repotting Houseplants • Soil Mix for Houseplants • Watering Houseplants



Repotting Houseplants

- Gently remove the plant from its pot and examine the root system.
- Choose a new pot that's 10-15% larger in height and width than the old one.
- Fill the bottom of the new pot with an inch or two of quality soilless potting mix.
- Place the empty old pot on top of the potting soil base in the center of the new pot to make a custom-sized space for the plant.
- Fill in around the old pot with potting mix, making a hole for the new plant.
- Remove the old pot from the center and place the plant's rootball in the cavity left by the old pot.
- Water gently and thoroughly to settle potting mix around plant roots, but avoid packing or pressing down on the root system to maintain air spaces in the soil.

Soil Mix for Houseplants

- Always use a soilless potting mixture when growing plants in containers or pots.
- The best soilless mixes contain Canadian sphagnum peat moss, perlite, and vermiculite.
- Some soilless mixes may have added slow release fertilizer, water saving polymer gels, or mycorrhizae.
- The Cornell Soilless Mix is a recommended recipe for commercial growers.
- Seaweed or kelp can be added to the mix to protect young plants from stress.
- Compost can also be added to provide minerals and enzymes beneficial to seedlings.
- Polymer gels mixed with potting soil for starting seeds can improve seed germination rates and reduce shock during transplanting, maintain air spaces in the soil.



Watering Houseplants

- Proper watering is key to keeping houseplants healthy
- Water meters and sensors can help monitor soil moisture levels
- The Enki Super-Oxygenating Plant Watering Device introduces oxygen into the water, promoting healthier roots and increased plant strength, health, flowering, and yield
- The device uses patented water-electrolysis technology to supply up to 50% more oxygen than rainwater in just 30 minutes
- The Enki device is easy to use, works for both indoor and outdoor plants, and does not use chemicals
- The OXO GOOD GRIPS Outdoor Pour & Store Watering Can has a rotating spout for easy filling and space-efficient storing, measurement markings on the body, and a removable rose attachment for a finer, more delicate spray.

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