

KEEP YOUR PLANTS FULL OF LIFE DURING WINTER

Keeping your plotted plants happy during the Winter is half knowledge and half luck. This Winter try these simple tricks to keep your plants happy and full of life.



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WATERING

Watering is different for every plant whether it's a tropical plant or a cactus, it will be on a completely different watering schedule. Although every plant may need little variations in watering a simple rule of thumb is to cut down the watering by half.

Right as the season changes from chilly to cold put your plant in the tub and give it a good bath, make sure the strength of the water is light. This will help dust them off, give them a good gulp of water and help with their growing process during the Winter season.

Know the signs of too much watering- Yellow leaves? Weird bugs flying around your pot? Moldy soil? During any season, your plant will show you these signs of too much watering but it is especially dangerous during the Winter. Don't forget to cut back the watering by half but don't wait for your leaves to turn brown before you water your plant again. Your plant will need water this season but not as much as you think, it's perfectly fine to wait to water when your plant starts to droop.



FERTILIZING

Don't fertilize. Don't fertilize. Don't fertilize. We say it three times because it is so important. During the Winter, your plants goes into dormancy and by fertilizing it will upset their natural cycle and could potentially kill your plant baby. Try holding off until early Spring to fertilize- they will thank you.

FROST BLANKETS

If your plants are small enough it is always safe to go with bringing in your plant when it gets below 50 degrees. If it's going to be under 50 degrees outside, put a blanket or a tarp on top of your in-ground plants. The best bet is to go to your nearest nursery and get a Frost Blanket by the foot.



LIGHT

Watch out for the sun. During this time, the sun may be coming from a lower angle therefore adjust your plants accordingly. A good spot would be a South or West facing window that remains sunny all day. Just don't move them so close to a frosty window that they are getting a draft.

Rotate the pots when you water them so that all sides of the plant get some sun and to keep the plants growing evenly, rather than stretching to reach the light.

If your window is just not cutting it, there are a couple of things you can do:

1. Try replacing incandescent bulbs with full spectrum lights in the nearest fixture
2. If you are truly obsessed with your plant, try rigging some grow lights. Your nearest nursery should be able to help with this.

RE-POTTING

Winter is not the time to re-pot your plant. That new pot you got at the nursery is adorbs, but if you wait until Spring to pot your plant up, it will thank you. Root growth is slow this time of year. Soil in big pots stays wet longer. You risk root rot and over-watering if you re-pot now. That said, don't be afraid to prune back any leaves that turn yellow or brown, or vines that look "leggy". You probably won't see much new growth until Spring, but pruning tends to make things look nicer in the meantime.

HUMIDITY & DRAFT

Make sure your windows are tightly sealed with no draft. It's okay to have the plants indoors with the heater on but make sure your plants are out of the way of the hot draft, they will end up drying out faster and could be deadly.

To keep tropical plants humid during this dry time set the pots on top of pebbles in a water-filled tray or dish, and keep the water level below the base of the containers. You can find the trays at any nursery store for a low price. You can also mist them but make sure you don't kill them with over-loving them, light misting should do the trick.

PETS AND PLANTS

Watch out for your little fur babies. Some plants are not safe for animals to be around especially not to consume. Refer to this [ASPCA](#) list or your local veterinarian for specifics on each plant.

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