



AIR PLANT CARE

Air plants (*tillandsia*) are wonderful for beginners and experienced plant enthusiasts. They are very popular because of their durability and low care requirements. The following basics make air plant care simple:



Light - Bright, indirect or filtered. Avoid direct sunlight. Fluorescent is the best artificial light if growing indoors.

Water - Mist once per week with an occasional submerged bath. Water more in a hot, dry environment and less in a cool one. Filtered or bottled water is best. Tap water may be used if set out for 24 hours to let the chlorine dissipate. Avoid softened water due to salt content and never use distilled water.



Air - Following watering, they should have enough light and air to dry in about an hour. Do not keep an air plant damp for extended periods of time.

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Temperature

Optimum range is room temperatures in a typical household at 65-75° F. Most can tolerate higher temperatures, such as sitting outside during the summer on a shaded deck or patio. None will survive in temperatures below 40° F.



Flowers

Each plant will bloom once in its lifetime. Flowers can last several days to a few months, depending on the species and environment. Plants continue to thrive after blooming.



Displaying

Air plants can grow on about anything. Popular choices are wood, rock, sea shells, pottery or decorative objects. Avoid placing in a container that holds water.



Mounting

Glue, wire, twist ties, or fishing line are popular. Use a waterproof glue for best results. If using hot glue, let cool for 5 seconds first. Avoid super-glue.

