

Cacti & Succulents

Info Sheet

Cacti & Succulents can be grown either indoors or out, given the proper conditions. Light requirements vary according to variety, ranging from bright, indirect light to approximately three hours of direct sunlight per day. Direct sun can burn some species. If kept outdoors, cacti and succulents need to be protected from staying too wet from frequent rains. Cacti and succulents will grow in a variety of containers, but clay pots are preferable.

Soil: A commercially prepared soil mix for cacti & succulents is recommended. Always be sure the soil you do use is a light mixture for proper drainage.

Watering: Cactus should be watered thoroughly and then be allowed to dry out before watering again. Succulents need a little more water during warm months. Water should be withheld from potted cactus for 4-6 weeks during January-February to encourage flowering in the Spring.

Fertilizing: Use a balanced houseplant fertilizer or Cactus fertilizer sparingly, following package directions. Let your cactus & succulents rest from Oct. to March and DO NOT fertilize at this time.

Trouble shooting: A common problem is overwatering. For insect problems use **Natural Pyrethrin**. Lack of light is a common problem with cactus and succulents that are kept indoors, it results in deformed stretched out growth that is unsightly.

**If you have any problems with insects or disease, bring in a sample in a sealed jar or plastic bag as soon as the problem is noticed. We'll be glad to help.

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