



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

CALATHEA GROUP CARE GUIDE

LIGHT

Give Calathea, Goeppertia, Ctenanthe and Stromanthe bright, indirect light. Protect patterned foliage from hot direct sun, which can fade or scorch it. A bright north or east window often works well. Leaves naturally change position between day and night.

WATERING

Keep the mix evenly, lightly moist during active growth. Water as the surface begins to dry, then let the pot drain completely. Never leave water in the saucer or decorative pot. In winter, allow the surface to dry a little more, without drying the whole root ball.

SOIL

Use a moisture-retentive but freely draining indoor potting mix in a container with drainage holes. Repot in spring or summer when the clump fills its pot, choosing a container only slightly larger. Dense, constantly wet mix can damage the roots.

TEMPERATURE & HUMIDITY

Provide steady warmth, about 65-75 degrees F, and high humidity. Keep away from cold drafts, cold window glass and heating vents. A humidifier helps in dry winter rooms. Pair humidity with gentle air movement rather than leaving foliage constantly wet.

FERTILIZING

Feed monthly during active spring and summer growth with a balanced liquid houseplant fertilizer, following its label dilution. Avoid extra feeding when the mix already contains a long-lasting fertilizer. Reduce feeding in fall and winter. Excess fertilizer salts can damage leaf tips.

PESTS

Check for spider mites and whiteflies, particularly under leaves. Separate affected plants and ask us about treatment. Brown edges can reflect dry air, watering problems or water quality. Try rainwater, distilled water or suitably filtered water if tap-water minerals cause persistent tip damage.