XEROGRAPHICA AIR PLANT CARE

LIGHT

Tillandsia xerographica needs bright, filtered light, with gradual adjustment before stronger exposure. Give the broad, curling leaves room rather than squeezing the rosette into a small glass vessel. Keep it away from hot direct sun through glass and from a dim shelf deep inside the room.

WATER

Rinse thoroughly or give a brief soak, about 15 minutes, when the plant needs water. A starting interval may be one to two weeks, adjusted for the room and season. Shake water out gently and drain upside down. It must dry well before returning to its holder.

SOIL & PLANTING

Do not plant xerographica in soil or leave its base resting in wet moss. Use an open support with air movement around the rosette. Water can lodge between the broad leaf bases, so a display must allow the plant to be removed and drained easily.

FEEDING

Use a fertilizer labeled for air plants or bromeliads at its recommended dilution during active growth. Feed lightly, and always drain and dry the plant afterward. Avoid concentrating nutrients in a small puddle inside the rosette. Extra fertilizer cannot make up for poor light or irregular watering.

SEASONAL CARE

Keep warm and frost-free. Winter heating may dry the air even when growth slows, so check the plant rather than assuming it never needs winter water. A plant may flower once and then develop offsets as the parent gradually declines. Do not cut apart small offsets prematurely.

HELPFUL TIPS

The silver scales and curled leaves are normal, and leaf curl alone is not a precise watering gauge. A soft base or persistently wet leaf pockets can lead to rot. This species-specific guide keeps the large rosette's drainage needs distinct from smaller air plants and from potted pink quill.