



MONEY TREE CARE

LIGHT

Money tree (*Pachira aquatica*) prefers bright, indirect light. Keep it close to a bright window with protection from strong direct sun, which can scorch the leaves. Rotate the pot periodically for balanced growth. Avoid repeated moves between very different light conditions.

WATERING

Water thoroughly, then allow the upper layer of mix to dry and the root zone to become only slightly moist before watering again. Do not let the whole root ball become parched. Drain completely and empty the saucer; standing water can rot roots and stems.

SOIL

Choose a loose houseplant mix that holds some moisture but drains freely, with perlite or fine bark for air space. Use a pot with drainage holes. Repot in spring when crowded, moving up only one size and disturbing the roots as little as possible.

TEMPERATURE & HUMIDITY

Warm, steady conditions around 65-80°F are suitable. Keep away from chilly drafts, air conditioners and hot vents. Moderate humidity, around 50%, helps prevent crisp leaf edges. Use a humidifier if winter air is very dry; extra watering cannot replace suitable air humidity.

FERTILIZING

Feed lightly with a balanced liquid houseplant fertilizer during spring and summer, following label directions. Reduce or stop feeding when growth slows. Prune to shape in spring using clean shears, cutting above a leaf node. Avoid cutting into the braided portion of the stems.

PESTS

Inspect stems and leaf undersides for scale, mealybugs and aphids. Isolate infested plants promptly. Leaf drop can follow a move, root disturbance or drafts; stabilize conditions and check moisture. Yellow leaves with soft stems or wet soil call for a drainage and root check.