



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

SCHEFFLERA CARE GUIDE

LIGHT

Give umbrella trees medium to bright, indirect light. Variegated dwarf Schefflera benefits from a bright spot with filtered sunlight. Protect foliage from harsh direct sun. Rotate the pot occasionally for balanced growth. Plants in dim locations may develop weak, stretched stems.

WATERING

Water thoroughly when the top half-inch to inch of mix is dry. Let excess water drain completely and empty the saucer or outer pot. Check moisture before watering again, especially in large containers. Both overwatering and severe drying can cause leaf drop.

SOIL

Use a general-purpose indoor potting mix that drains well, in a container with drainage holes. Repot when roots crowd the pot. Choose a stable container with only a little extra root space. Trim stems just above a leaf to control size and encourage branching.

TEMPERATURE

Normal indoor days around 65-75 degrees F are suitable. Keep nights above 60 degrees F where practical, and protect from temperatures below 50 degrees F. Avoid air-conditioning vents, open winter windows, radiators and other sources of sudden hot or cold drafts.

FERTILIZING

Use a water-soluble or controlled-release houseplant fertilizer according to its label. Feed less often in low light or when growth slows. Do not add extra fertilizer to a stressed plant. Wipe dusty leaves gently to help them receive the available light.

PESTS

Watch for scale, mealybugs and spider mites on stems and leaf undersides. Separate affected plants and ask us about treatment. Yellowing or falling leaves can also indicate water stress or chilling. Keep the plant out of reach of pets and children that may chew it.