



*For the joy of gardening!*

**Estabrook's**

# MONSTERA CARE GUIDE

## **LIGHT**

Give *Monstera deliciosa* and *adansonii* bright, indirect light. Protect leaves from strong afternoon sun. Variegated plants, including 'Thai Constellation', need especially good filtered light. Rotate the pot occasionally and wipe dust from leaves with a damp cloth.

## **WATERING**

Water thoroughly when the upper portion of the potting mix has dried, then let excess water drain away. Check moisture below the surface before watering. Empty the saucer or decorative outer pot. Water less often when growth slows in winter.

## **SOIL**

Use a loose, well-drained houseplant mix. Choose a pot with drainage holes and repot in spring when roots fill the container. Provide a sturdy pole or trellis for climbing stems; attach stems gently without constricting new growth.

## **TEMPERATURE**

Keep at normal warm room temperatures, about 65-85 degrees F, away from cold drafts and heating vents. Moderate to high humidity supports healthy growth. Protect plants from cold during transport and keep foliage from touching cold winter windows.

## **FERTILIZING**

Apply a balanced liquid houseplant fertilizer monthly during active spring and summer growth, following the label rate. Reduce feeding when growth slows. Extra fertilizer will not correct poor light or damage caused by a constantly wet root ball.

## **PESTS**

Inspect leaf undersides and stems for scale and spider mites. Separate affected plants and ask us about appropriate treatment. Avoid persistently soggy soil. Keep plants away from children and pets that may chew them; sap can irritate skin and eyes.