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Estabrook's

REX BEGONIA CARE GUIDE

LIGHTING

Tolerant of a lower light setting, Rex Begonias enjoy a moderate to bright indirect lighting. A higher light is recommended if you are looking to have your plant bloom, but it is a good rule of thumb to avoid direct sunlight altogether. Remember to be cautious of direct light due to the high risk of leaf burn.

WATERING

Rex Begonias enjoy a light, evenly moist soil. If your soil is heavy and soggy, there is a greater risk for root rot and other foliar diseases. Due to their fine root system and delicate leaf/stem structures, it is recommended to avoid watering the plant altogether and bottom-water them. To bottom-water your plant, set them in a large bowl, dish or fill your sink 2-3 inches and let your plant soak through the drainage holes under the pot. This will allow your plant to take in as much water and nutrients as they need. We recommend letting them sit in water for 30-45 minutes or if/when the soil is noticeably saturated.

SOIL

When planting a Rex Begonia, we recommend avoiding anything extremely dense. A slightly chunky soil with water-retentive qualities and good drainage will do! If you are looking to put together your own soil mix, here are a few ingredients you may want to include: Basic indoor potting mix (base), Perlite/Pumice, Coco coir, Sphagnum Moss, Orchid Bark

TEMPERATURE

Rex Begonias are comfortable within average household temperatures (65° to 85° F) but will not tolerate anything lower than 50° to 55° F. It won't cause a great amount of harm, but your plant will likely stop growing.

FERTILIZING

For best results, use a half-strength liquid fertilizer every other watering during the growing season. A slow-release granular (like Osmocote) is also a good choice. Simply apply to the top layer of soil or mix into your chosen soil mixture at the beginning of spring to feed with every watering throughout the growing season.

HUMIDITY

These plants require moderate to high humid conditions. They are tolerant of low humidity, but dryer air may cause crisping leaf edges and tips. We recommend a terrarium or bright bathroom setting, so your plant is able to take advantage of the daily shower steam!