



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

MADAGASCAR PALM

LIGHT

Give *Pachypodium lamerei* strong light and a warm, sunny position. Introduce indoor-grown plants to outdoor sun gradually. This spiny succulent is not a true palm and does not use the care routine of a shade-loving tropical palm.

WATER

While warm, leafy and actively growing, water thoroughly and allow the mix to dry between waterings. When leafless and resting, keep much drier. Do not respond to normal winter leaf fall by repeatedly soaking the pot.

SOIL & PLANTING

Use a stable container with drainage holes and a freely draining cactus mix. Keep the swollen stem at its original level. Avoid a large volume of wet mix around a small root system.

FEEDING

Apply a low-nitrogen succulent fertilizer at the labeled rate during active late-spring and summer growth. Stop feeding during dormancy. Feed only healthy, growing plants, not a cold or waterlogged specimen.

SEASONAL CARE

Keep warm indoors through Maine winters and move summer plants inside well before frost. Leaves may drop as light and growth decline. Leave the stem intact; routine pruning is unnecessary. Resume normal watering gradually as active growth returns.

HELPFUL TIPS

Keep sharp spines away from walkways, children and pets. Use heavy gloves and protect eyes when handling; avoid contact with sap or eating any plant parts. A soft, darkening stem is different from normal leafless dormancy and needs prompt attention.