



SENECIO SUCCULENT CARE GUIDE

LIGHT

Give pickle plant, woolly Senecio and trailing jade a very bright location. These are sold as Senecio stapeliiformis, scaposus and jacobsenii. Introduce direct sun gradually. Pickle plant does well in bright filtered light; avoid abruptly moving any shade-grown succulent into hot afternoon sun.

WATERING

Allow the potting mix to dry well between thorough waterings. Check below the surface, not just at the edge of the pot. Drain completely and empty the saucer. Water much less when the plant is resting or light is poor; cool, wet roots are easily damaged.

SOIL

Use a freely draining cactus and succulent mix in a pot with drainage holes. Add a mineral amendment such as perlite or pumice if the mix stays wet too long. Choose a pot only slightly larger than the roots, and keep the plant at its original planting depth.

TEMPERATURE

Keep indoors in a bright, frost-free room. Comfortable household temperatures are suitable; protect from cold glass, drafts and direct heater blasts. Provide gentle air circulation. These instructions are for container care indoors, rather than outdoor winter hardiness, which varies by species.

FERTILIZING

Use a diluted succulent fertilizer sparingly during active growth, following its label. A few applications are usually sufficient. Stop feeding while growth is resting. Long, weak growth usually needs more light, rather than extra fertilizer. Avoid unnecessary handling of delicate leaf surfaces.

PESTS

Inspect stems, leaf joints and the base for mealybugs or scale. Separate affected plants and ask us about treatment. Soft stems with wet mix suggest excess moisture. These are ornamental plants: keep them away from chewing pets and children, and handle cut stems carefully.