



*For the joy of gardening!*

**Estabrook's**

## AGLAONEMA CARE GUIDE

### **LIGHT**

Chinese evergreens (Aglaonema) grow well in indirect light. Green and silver varieties tolerate lower light, while pink, red and heavily variegated plants generally look best in a brighter spot. Protect all varieties from harsh direct sunlight, which can burn their leaves.

### **WATERING**

Allow the top 1-2 inches of potting mix to dry, then water thoroughly with room-temperature water. Let the pot drain and empty any water collected in the saucer or outer container. Keep the lower root ball lightly moist rather than soggy. Expect longer intervals between waterings in lower light and during winter.

### **SOIL**

Choose a well-drained houseplant potting mix that holds some moisture while allowing air around the roots. Always use a container with drainage holes. Repot when the roots become crowded, moving up only one pot size so excess soil does not remain wet.

### **TEMPERATURE**

Aglaonemas prefer warm conditions, around 68-80 degrees Fahrenheit. Avoid temperatures below 55 degrees and keep plants away from drafty doors, air conditioners and cold window glass. They adapt to average household humidity, but very dry air and drafts may cause brown leaf edges.

### **FERTILIZING**

Feed lightly during active spring and summer growth with a balanced houseplant fertilizer, following its indoor-plant dilution and frequency directions. Cut back when growth slows in winter. Do not fertilize a stressed plant or a dry root ball; correct watering and light problems first.

### **PESTS**

Inspect leaves and stem joints for mealybugs, scale and spider mites. Wipe dusty foliage gently with a damp cloth and isolate affected plants. Persistent wetness can cause root rot. Keep Chinese evergreens out of reach of children and pets that may chew the leaves; their sap can irritate skin and mouth.