



JADE PLANT CARE GUIDE

The Crassula Ovata, also known as the Jade plant, has graced our indoor spaces for generations. When passed down, it is often given by cutting or as a massive bush-like plant as old as our Grandmothers. One of the most interesting qualities to this classic succulent is their ability to live for over a century - in fact, they very rarely need to be repotted!

LIGHTING

Often marketed as low light-tolerant plants, this is not the case for the Jade. No succulent is low light-loving. These plants evolved to withstand long periods of sunlight and dryness by developing large moisture reserves in their leaves, stems and root systems. The Crassula Ovata prefers an environment with a lot of bright indirect lighting or 5-6 hours of direct sunshine. Sensitive to extreme heat and cold temperatures, these plants will thrive in a happy medium.

In the warm months, direct sunlight may deepen the color of your Jade plant and give variegated varieties a more striking palette, but too much sunlight can burn the foliage and cause leaf loss. Aim to provide indirect bright light all day or up to six hours of direct light per day. Placing your succulent in a South or Southwest-facing window is recommended.

WATERING

For most Crassula varieties, these plants prefer an infrequent but thorough watering, allowing the soil to dry completely in-between. The Jade will often tell you they are thirsty when their normally firm foliage appears wrinkled, thin and/or you are able to fold the leaf into a taco shape. Read more about the Taco Test in our article about Succulents & Cacti Care.

SOIL

As succulents, these desert-native plants need a well-draining soil with very little water-retentive qualities, but just enough to allow the plant to take in any necessary moisture and nutrients before drying out. While Espoma Organic Cactus Mix will do perfectly fine, you can take a basic indoor potting mix and add sand, perlite, pumice, orchid bark and even coco coir to create small pockets of aeration around the root system while allowing the plant to take in enough water and fertilizer.

TEMPERATURE

The Jade plant enjoys average household temperatures of 65-75° F, but can take up to 80-85° F in indirect bright lighting.