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DRACAENA CARE GUIDE

WATER / HUMIDITY

Originating in arid deserts and tropical rainforests, these plants enjoy a thorough watering once the soil has mostly or entirely dried out, and medium to high humid conditions. Though they require less watering than some other houseplants, they love to be evenly moist when watered and kept consistently hydrated by misting. Plant your Dracaena in a soil with water-retentive qualities, like Coco coir and peat moss-infused mixes.

We recommend transplanting your Dragon Tree into a sleek planter or setting the nursery pot into a stylish basket to style in a brightly-lit bathroom, so your plant is able to soak up that daily shower steam!

Signs that your plant is thirsty are going to be apparent within the trunk and foliage. When a Dracaena has gone too long without water, you will notice puckering in the trunk in extreme cases, and more commonly, you will see drooping, yellowing, or dropping of the leaf blades.

LIGHT REQUIREMENTS

When it comes to lighting for your plant, Dracaena are well-known for enjoying a broad range of light. Due to their ability to grow in hot and humid climates, they are adaptable and tolerant to low light settings, but will thrive in bright, indirect light with a few hours of direct morning or late afternoon sunshine.

SOIL

As mentioned previously, Dracaena enjoy a thorough watering that will allow the roots to soak up all of the moisture and nutrients they need, while also providing adequate drainage and air circulation. Depending on the light provided, Dracaena are tolerant of dry and saturated soil, but it is safer to stay on the dry side.

TEMPERATURE

Ideal temperatures for Dracaenas are those in the 65-85° Fahrenheit range. Sudden drafts or drops in temperature can cause foliar damage, so keep these plants away from drafty doors and windows in the colder months.

FERTILIZING

Though not particularly necessary, every houseplant loves a good fertilizing! Feeding your Dracaena once to twice a month is recommended. Use a 1/4 strength liquid fertilizer or sprinkle Osmocote into the potting mix at the beginning of spring for a consistent, slow feeding throughout the growing season.