



NORFOLK PINE CARE GUIDE

LIGHT

Norfolk Island pine (*Araucaria heterophylla*, also sold as *A. excelsa*) grows best in bright light near a window. Rotate it regularly for balanced growth. Protect it from abrupt changes in exposure and hot afternoon sun.

WATERING

Water thoroughly when the soil surface feels dry, then empty the saucer or outer pot. Aim for consistent moisture without soggy roots. Avoid letting the entire root ball dry out; both drought and excess water can damage lower branches.

SOIL

Use a well-drained houseplant potting mix and a container with drainage holes. Repot only when roots become crowded, moving up modestly in pot size. Keep the trunk at its original depth and avoid compacting the mix.

TEMPERATURE

A cool to moderate room around 55-70 degrees Fahrenheit suits this plant. It is tropical and cannot spend winter outdoors in Maine. Keep it away from cold drafts and heaters. A humidifier helps in dry winter air.

FERTILIZING

Feed lightly in spring and summer with a houseplant fertilizer, following label directions. Reduce or pause feeding in winter. Avoid heavy decorations on the soft branches; use only very lightweight ornaments and remove them promptly after the holidays.

PESTS

Inspect for mites, mealybugs and scale. Browning branches can also reflect dry air, uneven watering or poor light. Remove dead growth carefully, but do not cut the main growing tip to control height. Ask us before treating delicate foliage.