



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

ZZ PLANT CARE GUIDE

LIGHT

ZZ plants (*Zamioculcas zamiifolia*) grow best with bright, indirect light, but tolerate lower light. Protect them from strong direct sun, which can burn leaves. Expect slower growth in dim rooms. This care also suits dark-leaved cultivars such as 'Raven'.

WATERING

Let the potting mix dry completely between waterings. Then water thoroughly and allow all excess water to drain away. The thick underground rhizomes store moisture, so frequent watering is unnecessary. Check deep in the pot; reduce watering further in winter or low light.

SOIL

Use a freely draining houseplant or succulent potting mix in a pot with drainage holes. Never leave water in the saucer or decorative outer container. Repot during active growth when roots fill the pot, choosing a container that leaves room for the rhizomes.

TEMPERATURE

Keep in a comfortable indoor room and protect from temperatures below 60 degrees F. Position away from cold drafts, cold window glass and direct heat from radiators. Ordinary household humidity is generally suitable. Cover the plant during cold-weather trips home.

FERTILIZING

ZZ plants need little fertilizer. Apply a balanced liquid houseplant fertilizer once or twice during the growing season, following its label directions. Avoid feeding a dry root ball or a stressed plant. Slow growth in winter is normal and does not require extra feeding.

PESTS

Inspect occasionally for scale insects and separate an affected plant before treating it. Wipe leaves gently to remove dust. Persistently wet soil is a greater concern than missed watering. Keep leaves away from children and pets that may chew them.