



DIVIDED FROND ASPLENIUM CARE

LIGHT

Divided-frond Asplenium ferns, including Austral Gem and Parvati types, prefer bright, filtered light indoors. Protect the divided, arching fronds from intense direct sun. A position near an east- or north-facing window can work well, with enough space for new fronds to unfurl.

WATERING

Keep the root ball evenly, lightly moist. Water as the surface starts to dry, before the entire pot becomes dry. Soak the mix evenly and allow excess water to drain. Empty the saucer promptly; standing water deprives the roots of air and can cause rot.

SOIL

Use an airy, moisture-retentive fern or houseplant mix in a pot with drainage holes. Avoid dense soil that stays saturated. Repot in spring when roots crowd the container, using a pot only slightly larger. Keep the crown and rhizomes at their existing planting level.

TEMPERATURE & HUMIDITY

Provide stable household warmth around 60-75°F. Keep away from cold drafts, heaters and air-conditioning vents. Moderate humidity helps protect frond tips; a humidifier can help during very dry winter conditions. Allow gentle air movement and avoid keeping the foliage constantly wet.

FERTILIZING

Feed lightly during active growth with a balanced houseplant fertilizer at the labeled fern dilution. Reduce or stop feeding when growth slows. Do not fertilize a dry or struggling plant. Excess fertilizer can damage roots and leave brown patches or tips on the fronds.

PESTS

Inspect leaf undersides and crowns for scale, mealybugs and mites. Isolate affected plants and use only fern-safe labeled treatments. Snip fully dead fronds at the base with clean scissors. Browning may reflect dry roots, dry air or sun damage; check conditions before changing watering.