

## CARE GUIDE

# TROPICAL FERNS

### LIGHT

- Bright, indirect light indoors or on a shaded porch — direct hot sun will scorch the fronds.
- Outdoors here in zone 7b/8a, keep them in filtered shade under a tree canopy or porch roof.

### WATER

- Keep soil evenly moist — tropical ferns do not like to dry out completely.
- Water hanging baskets more often than potted ones; check daily in summer heat.
- Mist the fronds occasionally to boost humidity, especially indoors in winter.

### SOIL & FEEDING

- A rich, well-draining potting mix with good moisture retention works best.
- Feed lightly with a balanced liquid fertilizer every 2-4 weeks during the growing season.

### SEASONAL CARE

- Tropical ferns are not cold hardy — bring them indoors or into a greenhouse before first frost.
- Trim back any brown or damaged fronds in spring to encourage fresh new growth.

### COMMON ISSUES

- Brown, crispy tips usually mean low humidity or inconsistent watering.
- Watch for scale and mealybugs, especially on plants brought indoors for winter.



*Full, lush fronds on a healthy tropical fern*

### OUR FAVORITES

## IN STOCK NOW

- **Boston Fern** — 6", 8", 10", 12" pots & hanging baskets
- **Macho Fern** — 6", 10", 12" hanging baskets
- **Foxtail Fern** — 1 gallon