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Ficus elastica 'Burgundy' Burgundy Rubber Tree

A Garden Guide



Found in the jungles of southeast Asia, Ficus elastica can grow into sizable trees (60-100') in the tropics. In India, the trees are sometimes used as living bridges over small chasms. As houseplants here in WNC, 8-10' is usually their maximum.

Water: Burgundy would prefer to be on the drier side, let the top 2-3" of soil dry out before watering. Burgundy needs less water in winter. The most common issue this plant has is overwatering. The less light they receive, the less water they need. Many gardeners will water weekly spring-fall, and every other week through winter, but checking the soil before watering is your best bet. They love high humidity.

Light: Bright to medium indirect light. Sunny South, West, (and sometimes) East facing windows are often good bets, North facing windows may require supplemental lighting. However too much light, or a plant suddenly moved to a brighter location, can cause leaf burn. They prefer to be 60-80°F.

Fertilizer: Fertilize during the growing season with houseplant fertilizer.

Potting Mix: High quality potting mix.

Care Details: Cleaning the leaves periodically (with water + a few drops of gentle dish soap and a soft cloth) will help your plants access more light, and keep them looking their best. Rotate the plant occasionally to encourage even growth. In time, some bottom leaves will naturally fall off and die. These plants do not like to be moved, and may drop leaves shortly afterwards.

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