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House Plants with Air Purifying Qualities

Botanical Name I Common Name

Aglaonema/Chinese Evergreen Aloe vera/Aloe Anthurium andraeanum/Flamingo Flower Chamaedorea seifrizii/Bamboo Palm Chlorophytum comosum/Spider Plant Chryalidocarpus lutescens/Areca Palm Dracaena deremensis/Dracaena 'Janet Craig' Dracaena deremensis/Warneckii Dracaena fragrans/Mass Cane Plant Dracaena marginata/Dragon Tree Epipremnum aureum/Golden Pothos Ficus benjamina/Weeping Fig Ficus elastica/Rubber Plant Ficus macleilandii/Ficus Alli Gerbera jamesonii/Barberton Daisy Hedera Helix/English Ivy Nephrolepis exaltata/Boston Flower Nephrolepis obliterate/Kimberly Queen Fern Peperomia obtusifolia/Peperomia Philodendron/Heart Leaf Philodendron Phoenix roebelinii/Date Palm Rhapis excels/Lady Palm Sansevieria/Snake Plant Spathiphyllum/Peace Lily

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House Plant Light Needs

Botanican Name / Common Name

Low Light

Aglaonemo/Chinese Evergreen

Aloe Vera / Aloe

Anthurium andraenum / Flamingo Flower

Chamaedorea seifrizii / Bamboo Plant

Chlorophytum comosum / Spider

Chryalidocarpus lutescens / Areca Palm

Dracaena deremensis / Dracaena Janet Craig

Draceana fragrans / Mass Cane

Draceana deremenis / Warneckii

Draceana marginata / Dragon Tree

Epipremnum aureum / Golden Pothos

Ficus benjamina / Weeping Fig

Ficus Elastica / Rubber Plant

Ficus macleilandii / Ficus Alii

Hedera helix / English Ivy

Nephrolepis exalta / Boston Fern

Nephrolepis obliterate / Kimberly Queen Fern

Pepperomia abtusifolia / Peperomia

Philodendron / Heart Leaf Philodendron

Rhapis excels / Lady Palm

Sansevieria / Snake Plant

Spathiphyllum / Peach Lily

Zanuiculcas zamifolia / ZZ Plant

Bright Light

Alocasia amazonia / Elephant Ear

Aphelandra squarrosa / Zebra Plant

Chlorophytum comosum / Spider Plant

Chryalidocarpus lutescens / Areca Palm

Citrosa / Citrus Tree

Codiaeum / Croton

Cordyline terminalis / Ti Plant

Crassula argentea / Jade Plant

Cupressus macrocarpa / Lemon Cypress

Dieffenbachia / Dumb Cane

Dionaea muscipula / Venus Fly Trap

Cracaena dermensis / Striped Dracaena

Draceana marginata / Dragon Tree

Ficus benjamina / Weeping Fig

Ficus elastic / Rubber Plant

Ficus lyrata / Fiddle Leaf Fig

Gynura / Purple Passion Planta

Hedera canariensis / Algerian Ivy

Hoya carnosa / Wax Plant

Hypoestes phyllostachya / Polka Dot Plant

Monterea deliciosa / Split Leaf Philodendron

Nephrolepis exalta / Boston Fern

Pachira aquatic / Money Tree

Platycerium / Staghorn Fern

Schefflera arboricola, Amate / Umbrella Plant

Strelitzia nicolai / Bird of Paradise

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House Plant Maintenance

Botanical Name / Common Name

Low Maintenance Needs

Aglaonema / Chinese Evergreen

Araucaria heterophylla / Norfolk Island Pine

Beaucarnea recurvate / Pony Tail Palm

Calathea / Peacock Plant

Chlorophytum comosum / Spider Plant

Codiaeum / Croton

Crassula argentea / Jade Plant

Cupressus macrocarpa / Lemon Cupress

Dieffenbachia / Dump Cane

Dracaena fragrans / Mass Cane Plant

Draceana deremensis / Warneckii

Draceana marginata / Dragon Tree

Epipremnum aureum / Golden Pothos

Ficus benjamina / Weeping Fig

Ficus elastic / Rubber Plant

Ficus lyrata / Fiddle Leaf Fig

Hedera helix / English Ivy

Hoya carnosa / Wax Plant

Nephrolepis exalta / Boston Fern

Peperomia obtusifolia / Peperomia

Philodendron / Heart Leaf Philodendron

Sansevieria / Snake Plant

Schefflera arboricola, Amate / Umbrella Plant

Soleirolia soleirolii / Baby Tears

Spathiphyllum / Peace Lily

Zanuiculcas zamifolia / ZZ Plant

Low Water Needs

Aloe vera / Aloe

Beaucarnea recurvate / Pony Tail Plant

Chlorophytum comosum / Spider Plant

Chryalidocarpus lutescens Areca Palm

Crassula argentea / Jade Plant

Dieffenbachia deremensis / Dracaena Janet Craig

Dieffenbachia / Dumb Cane

Dracaena fragrans / Mass Cane

Draceana marginata / Dragon Tree

Echeveria glauca / Blue Echeveria

Epipremnum aureum / Golden Pothos

Ficus Lyrata / Fiddle Leaf Fig

Hawthoria species / Hawthoria

Hedera canariensis / Algerian Ivy

Hoy Carnosa / Wax Plant

Kalanchoe blossfeldiana / Kalanchoe

Kalanchoe thyrsiflora / Kalanchoe Flap Jack

Kalanchoe tomentosa / Kalanchoe Panda Bear

Noeregelia / Bromeliad

Peperomia obtusifolia / Peperomia

Plectranthus / Swedish Ivy

Sansevieria / Snake Plant

Schefflera arboricola, Amate / Umbrella Plant

Strelitzia Nicolai / Bird of Paradise

Zanuiculcas zamifolia / ZZ Plant

Zebrina pendula / Wandering Jew

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Houseplants That are Pet Friendly

Botanical Name / Common Name

Aeschynanthus/Lipstick Plant Basil, Thyme, Rosemary, Sage Beaucarnea recurvate/Ponytail Palm Bromeliaceae/Bromeliad Calathea/Peacock Plant Chamaedorea/Parlor Palm Chlorophytum comusum/Spider Plant Chryalidocarpus/Areca Palm Dionaea muscipula/Venus Fly Trap Dracaena sarderiana/Bamboo Fittonia/Nerve Plant Hibiscus Rosa-sinensis/Hibiscus Hoya carnosa/Wax Plant Hypoestes/Polka Dot Plant Jasminum sambae/Jasmine Maranta leuconeuva/Prayer Plant Nephrolepis/Ferns Orchidaceae/Orchid Pachira aquatic/Money Tree Peperomiaobtusifolia/Peperomia Pilea/Coin Plant Saintpaulia/African Violet Schlumbergera/Christmas Cactus Sedum morganianum/Donkey Tail Soleirolia soleiroli/Baby Tears Succulents/Various

Toxic Houseplants

Aglaonema/Chinese Evergreen Alocasia/Elephant Ear Aloe Vera/Aloe Codiaeum variegatum/Croton Dieffenbachia/Dumb Cane Epipremnum/Pothos Ficus lyrata/Fiddle Leaf Fig Monstera/Swiss Cheese Plant Petroselinum crispum/Parsley Philodendron/Philodendron Sanseveria/Snake Plant Spathiphyllum/Peace Lily Strelitzia/Bird of Paradise Zanuiculcas samifolia/ZZ Plant

*Note:

This list does not include all safe & toxic houseplants. Always research new plants you bring into your home for the safety of your pet.



Houseplant Repotting Guide

Carefully remove your plant from its original pot. Try not to disturb the roots, it is fine to leave any old soil attached. If plant is pot bound, use your fingers or a small knife to loosen soil from the sides of the pot.

Fill your new planter 1/3 of the way with appropriate potting soil, and set the plant in. Fill soil around the roots, making sure to fill and any gaps or air pockets. Soil should fill the pot almost up to the top, leaving 1-2" for water.

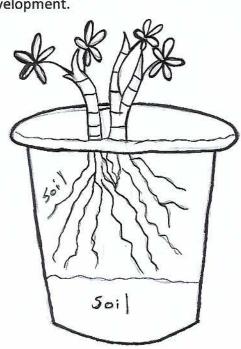
Always thoroughly water in after repotting any plant. Fertilize your plant between the months of March to September, with a houseplant fertilizer.

Choosing the Right Soil

Cactus Mix (Espoma) – Good for cacti, succulents, palm, snake plants, citrus plants, and more. Allows soil to fully dry out in between waterings.

Potting Soil (Coast of Maine) – Contains compost which makes it great for plants that require consistent moisture.

Indoor Houseplant Mix (Coast of Maine) – Use for all other kinds of houseplants. Good for optimizing drainage and root development.



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Fiddle Leaf Fig Care

Light: Give the plant bright consistent light, preferably by a sunny window. Turn the plant every few months once it begins to lean toward the light.

Drafts: Make sure that your window is properly sealed. Figs are used to the still, warm conditions of the rainforest. Cold drafts from windows, doors and air-conditioning units may cause its leaves to dry out and drop.

Soil: Rich, well-drained peaty soil is recommended. Plan on repotting once the roots become crowded. They will start growing through the container's drainage hole, causing circulation problems and cause the plant to dry out quickly.

Water: Water only when soil is dry to the touch. Then water thoroughly, until the water drains in to the saucer. Allow to dry out again. If plants don't get enough water, new leaves will turn brown and drop; on the other hand, if they are overwatered, the oldest leaves (toward the base of the plant) will turn brown and fall off.

Fertilizer: Feed with a water-soluble plant food throughout the growing season according to directions. (March – October)

Fiddle Leaf Fig Issues

Brown from Bacteria

The fiddle-leaf fig leaves can be 15 inches long and about 10 inches wide. The plant can be susceptible to a leaf spot disorder caused by bacteria, called Xanthomonas campestris, which produces tan-to-brown dry spots on leaves that usually have irregular margins and can cause cracking of the leaf in the driest areas. The spots may enlarge over time and could completely cover younger leaves. The best way to control the problem is to use good sanitation, including clearing away damaged leaves or any that drop, keeping leaves dry when watering and avoiding high-nitrogen fertilizers, which can worsen the disorder by causing lush, tender growth. With time and good care, the plant can recover fully.

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Fiddle Leaf Fig Care (cont.) Fungal Disorders

A fiddle-leaf fig may develop a fungal disorder, including root rot that develops when the plant's soil is constantly wet, and anthracnose leaf spot, a fungal disease that spreads on leaves in moist, wet air. In both cases, brown spots appear on the plant's leaves, but in leaf spot these tend to grow gradually in size and may be sprinkled with black dots, which are fungal colonies. In root rot, leaves may turn brown-to-black and curl up, eventually falling off. Root rot is best treated by withholding water until the soil is lightly dry, then watering deeply, allowing soil to drain fully. For leaf spot, remove infected leaves and avoid wetting the foliage when you water. The plant can eventually recover from either disorder if damage isn't severe.

Insect Damage

Brown spots on fiddle-leaf fig leaves may also result from insects feeding on the leaves, causing injured portions to brown and eventually die. Mites, which are microscopic pests, may cause this problem. Although they're invisible, their webs are usually obvious, especially on young leaves, which are their preferred food. Mealybugs can also cause leaf browning that sometimes appears as spots, especially where leaves join stems. These insects resemble tiny puffs of cotton along the stems or on leaves. Destroy both pests by spraying the plant periodically with insecticidal soap, diluted at a rate of 6 tablespoons per gallon of water and applied until all parts of the plant are dripping wet.

Environmental Problems

If browning of the plant's leaves begins on their tips and edges, spreading into the rest of the leaf, the problem could be environmental, either from dry indoor air from heating or air-conditioning that blows on leaves, or from erratic watering that allows soil to stay dry for long periods. You can counteract dry airs effect on a house plant by placing it on a saucer containing moist pebbles and misting the leaves every few days. To counteract dry soil problems, water the plant deeply whenever the top few inches of soil feels dry to your fingertips, but never let a houseplant stay in a water-filled saucer, this can promote root rot.