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*House Plant Care*

*Beautiful terrariums, unusual plants & pots for your home*

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All plants have a symbol on their labels denoting the type of care they need to keep them at their best:

**S** – a succulent or cactus plant

**HH** – a house plant that likes to have misted leaves and a more humid environment

**HD** – a house plant that prefers to keep its leaves dry

### **S – Succulents and Cacti**

Most plants have a dormant phase during winter, so keep watering to a minimum and the compost almost dry. The exception is *epiphytic* plants. These grow on trees absorbing moisture from the surrounding air and they require watering all year round. With succulents, keep an eye on the leaves – if they start to shrivel it's a sure sign that the plant needs water. **IF IN DOUBT, DON'T WATER!**

In the growing season (spring to autumn), water **ONLY** when the compost of your plant has completely dried out. Allow the water to completely drain away before going back in its decorative pot. Never leave it sitting in water. Plants that are in the small concrete pots without drainage holes, water carefully using a pipette to give only a few drops at a time.

Feed with a cactus/succulent feed once a month from spring to autumn making sure you follow the dilution instructions carefully!

Check your particular plant's needs for where to keep your plant and how much light/direct sun it can tolerate.

### **HH – House plants that like more humidity**

Watering: spring – autumn allow the compost to dry out slightly, reducing in winter. Mist the leaves of the plants regularly, every day or so, all year round. **BEWARE** of over-watering!!! This can kill your precious plant.

Feeding: during the growing season feed monthly with a liquid houseplant food. Check on your individual plants needs before feeding.

Don't feed in winter.

Keep your houseplant out of direct sunlight as this might scorch their leaves

### **HD – House plants preferring dry leaves**

Watering: spring – autumn allow the compost to dry out slightly, reducing in winter.

Feeding: during the growing season only – late spring to early autumn, and with a liquid houseplant fertilizer every month. Don't feed in winter. (Some plants are greedy feeders i.e. *Begonias* so check before feeding) These houseplants like humidity but don't like water falling directly onto their leaves. (i.e. *Saintpaulias* and *Begonias*), simply mist the air around them regularly, and water them from underneath by placing in a shallow filled sink of water to soak for about 15 minutes before replacing back in their decorative pot.

Keep your houseplant out of direct sunlight as this might scorch their leaves

### **Care of *Oxalis triangularis***

These are long lived, grown from a rhizome. Water when the compost is dry. They open in response to light (photophilic), so keep in a well lit spot, but not direct sunlight, turning so they don't lean towards the light. Every 2-7 years they can go dormant, if this happens **STOP** watering, let the soil dry out, put aside where you can keep an eye on it. After a few weeks a leaf will emerge and you can resume the watering and feeding regime.

**Enjoy your house plant!**