



GROWING REQUIREMENTS FOR FOLIAGE HOUSE PLANTS

COMMON NAME	APPROX MATURE SIZE	REQUIREMENTS		MINIMUM NIGHT TEMP.	COMMENTS
		LIGHT	WATER		
Aluminum Plant <i>Pilea cadierei</i>	6 inches	High	Moist	65° - 70°	Quilted foliage with unusual silver markings. Dry soil makes leaves drop.
<i>Caladium</i>	24 inches	Medium	Moist	65° - 70°	Store tubers in fall without removing them from soil in cool place. Avoid over watering; roots rot easily.
Cast Iron Plant <i>Aspidistra elatior</i>	18 inches	Low	Moist	70° - 75°	Tough.
Chinese Evergreen <i>Aglaonema spp.</i>	12 inches	Low	Moist	70° - 75°	Guaranteed foolproof.
Coleus	36 inches	Very High	Moist	65° - 70°	Wide range of colors and patterns. Remove tips frequently to induce branching. Susceptible to many insects.
Corn Plant <i>Dracaena spp.</i>	to 10 feet	Med./Low	Moist	70° - 75°	Several varieties. Excellent houseplant. When leggy, air layer and repot.
Croton <i>Codiaeum species</i>	to 6 feet	High	Moist/Dry	60° - 65°	Colors best in full sunlight. Needs good conditions indoors.
Dumbcane <i>Dieffenbachia spp.</i>	to 4 ft.	Medium	Moist	70° - 75°	Eventually lower leaves turn yellow. Remove them. If stem becomes bare, cut off top and root it in sand or water. Leaves poisonous.
Fern, Asparagus <i>A. sprengeri</i>	to 6 ft. hanging	High	Moist/Dry	70° - 75°	Less humidity than true ferns. Trim to keep size and shape desired.
Fern, Boston <i>Nephtrolepis exaltata</i>	24 inches	Medium	Moist, but not always wet	60° - 65°	On all ferns, watch for special season of growth and provide additional water at these times.
Fig, Fiddleleaf <i>Ficus lyrata</i>	up to 20 ft.	Medium	Moist	70° - 75°	Remove house dust by occasional sponging with soap and water.
Ivy, Devils <i>Scindapsus</i>	5 ft. vine	Medium	Dry	62° - 65°	If leaves around base drop, pinch back growing ends. Feed weekly; carefree. Soil should remain dry 2 or 3 days between soakings. Do not chill.
Ivy, English <i>Hedera helix</i> (over 70 varieties)	5 ft. trailing	High	Moist	60° - 65°	Begin training when small. Pinch ends to produce laterals. Train laterals to support. Susceptible to spider mites. Temps indicated discourage mites.
Ivy, German <i>Senecio mikanloides</i>	4 - 5 ft.	Med./High	Moist	50° - 60°	Glossy appearance.
Ivy Grape <i>Cissus rhombifolia</i>	2 ft. or more	Medium	Moist	65° - 70°	May be pruned to any height desired. Tolerant.

Ivy, Swedish <i>Plectranthus australis</i>		High	Moist	50° - 70°	Rampant grower. Very Tolerant.
Jade Plant <i>Crassula arborescens</i>	3 - 5 ft.	Med./High	Moist/Dry	50° - 55°	Repot in May every 3 – 4 years. Fertilize when new growth shows.
Norfolk Pine <i>Araucaria excelsa</i>	to 7 ft.	Very High	Moist	50° - 55°	Keep pot-bound to limit size; cool with lots of light. Lower needles turn brown if allowed to over dry.
<i>Palms spp.</i>	2 - 12 ft.	Low	Moist	65° - 70°	Very tolerant of dim light. Never let soil ball dry out
Peperomia <i>Peperomia spp.</i>	10 inches	Medium	Moist/Dry	60° - 65°	Allow to dry between good waterings. Will rot if over-watered..
Philodendron, Heartleaf <i>Philodendron oxycardium</i> or <i>cordatum</i>	12 ft.	Med./low	Moist/Dry	70° - 75°	Climbs on trellis. Easy vine to grow. Fertilize to keep leaves good size.
Philodendron, Spearhead <i>Philodendron hastatum</i>	2 ft.	Medium	Moist/Dry	70° - 75°	One of the best house plants. Wash leaves monthly with soap and water. Sensitive to over-watering.
Piggyback Plant <i>Tolmiea menziesii</i>	18 inches	Medium	Moist	45° - 50°	Adaptable plant. Water generously when surface soil dries.
Podocarpus <i>Podocarpus nagi</i>	to 5 ft.	Very High	Moist	60° - 65°	A coniferous evergreen that remains conveniently small. Useful for bonsai. Best at cooler temperature 60°.
Prayer Plant <i>Maranta leuconeura</i>	18 inches	Medium	Moist	65° - 70°	Needs good humidity and moist soil or ends tend to brown. Every fall, trim off oldest leaves or any that look straggly.
Rubber Plant <i>Ficus elastica</i>	to 5 ft.	Med./High	Moist/Dry	65° - 70°	Rugged house plant. Leaves apt to drop if plant is chilled or if it is moved from one place to another.
Snake Plant <i>Sansevieria trifasciata</i>	to 18 inches	Low	Moist/Dry	62° - 65°	Will grow in almost any environment. Will flower if properly cared for.
Spider Plant <i>Chlorophytum elatum</i>	18 inches hanging	Medium	Moist	50° - 55°	Small flowers open in runners just before new plantlets form. Water, when nearly dry, water again.
Swiss Cheese Plant <i>Monstera deliciosa</i>	up to 5 ft.	Medium	Moist/Dry	62° - 65°	Keep in good light – filtered in summer. Newer leaves tend to lose cuts in poor light.
Hawaiian Ti Plant <i>Cordyline terminalis</i>	24 inches	Medium	Moist	62° - 65°	Variegated leaves. If leggy, propagate with 1” cutting of stem.
Umbrella Tree <i>Schefflera actinophylla</i>	to 7 ft.	Medium	Moist	70° - 75°	Good apartment plant. To keep within bounds, cut the main trunk and let it remain a pot-bound cluster plant. Watering: soak, allow drying completely, then soaking.