

In their native habitats, air plants grow on trees and are epiphytes, which are plants that grow on other plants, but are not parasitic. They only use them for a place to rest and take nothing from the host plant. The ease of care, accessible cost, and versatility make this a plant for everyone. Though these plants are commonly called air plants, they do need water to live. They naturally live in places with high humidity and so need less actual water, but in our heated, low-humidity homes, they will definitely need to be watered (soaked) on a regular basis.



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Tillandsia spp.

AIR PLANT



Light

Air plants need a bright light to do their best. An east or west window works and some may appreciate a south window. Bright indirect

Watering

Every one to two weeks, soak your air plant in room temperature tap water (or rain/distilled water if you can find it) for 5-10 minutes.

After soaking gently shake excess water from your plant. Turn it upside down and place it on a towel in a bright space. This is very important!

Air plants will quickly rot if they are allowed to stand in excess water. These plants naturally grow at an angle so water never sits in the middle of the plant.

From the time soaking ends, the plant should be able to dry fully in no more than 3 hours. If your plant stays wet longer than this, it may rot. Try placing it in a brighter place with more air circulation to facilitate faster drying.

1-3 hours is the optimal drying time for your air plant after soaking.

Do all watering in the morning.

Evening soaking or misting disrupts the plants ability to respire overnight, and extends drying time.

We do NOT recommend soaking *Xerographica*, *Magnusiana*, *Streptophylla*, or *Tectorum*. These species can be watered by dunking them for a few seconds.

Feeding

Use a fertilizer specific to air plants or bromeliads. Follow the manufacture instructions.

Planting & Care

Display plants in glass jars, shells, decorative trays, or on driftwood. No soil needed.

Do not use glue. Keep in a humid area out of direct sun and away from heaters. They love humid air, so a home in the kitchen or bathroom is perfect, if there is enough light.

Make sure they do not sit in an area with no air movement.

Size

This large family of plants range in size from under 1 inch to 3 feet and more.

Flower

The small flowers are brightly colored, often with purple flowers, and protrude from colorful bracts.

Temperature

60-75°F

Humidity

High

Care

Easy

