

The snake plant family has certainly received a bad reputation as boring, ho-hum plants. Yet grown well, they can be beautiful plant with many forms and cultivars available.

One of the best plants for purifying the air, the Snake Plant, or Mother-in-Law's Tongue, produces a tight cluster of sword-like foliage in various shades of green often with variegation.

Thriving on neglect (overwatering will rot it), this plant is almost bullet-proof and a great plant for beginners.

The Snake Plant is a staple for anyone getting into the houseplant scene.



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Sansevieria sp.

SNAKE PLANT



Light

The snake plant will tolerate low-light situations but will thrive in a medium to bright light.

Medium-bright indirect

Watering

Allow the top 2" of the potting soil to dry out between waterings from Spring to Fall. Water once a month in Winter. The most often reason why Snake Plants die is because of overwatering. If they are in a low-light situation, water infrequently, letting the medium become quite dry before watering again. If in high light, they will use more water. Never allow the plant to stand in water. Rotten plants are slimy and smell horrible.



Feeding

Feed once a month during the growing season with a low nitrogen cactus fertilizer, such as Espoma Cactus/ Succulent Plant Food.

Planting & Care

Grow your plant in Black Gold® Cactus Mix soil in a pot that just barely fits the root ball. It likes a snug fit. Set in medium light, out of direct sun. Repot only when tightly root-bound.

Size

These plants can be a few inches tall to many feet tall. There are many cultivars.

Flower

If given enough light, a stem will appear from the plant and aromatic white flowers will follow.

Temperature

60-75°F

Humidity

Low

Care

Easy



Cultivars

- Laurentii– green striped variety with yellow edges
- Bantel's Sensation– bright white and green striped
- *S. cylindrical*– instead of flat leaves, this plant's leaves are round and very sharply pointed
- Black Gold
- Zeylanica
- Wintergreen
- Whale Fin–unusually wide paddle like leaves
- Night Owl
- Moonshine– pale silvery-green spear shaped leaves
- Samauri– dwarf variety

