

## WAGNERS CARE CARD

# HOUSEPLANTS



### BASIC REQUIREMENTS

**Lighting** Each plant has its own likes and dislikes. Lighting ranges from low to medium to high. With low or shade lighting the plant should be placed well away from a window, but in enough light that would allow you to read a newspaper. With medium lighting the plant should be placed near a sunless window or some distance away from a bright window. High lighting can take different forms. Direct light includes a sunny window. Bright indirect light would be on a sunless windowsill but not in direct sun.

**Water** Roots need air as well as water. Keeping the soil saturated means death for your plants. Use a watering can with a long, thin spout inserted under the foliage. Immersion is an alternative for plants that do not like water on their leaves or crowns. Immerse the pot in water to just below the level of the soil and leave to soak until the surface glistens. Allow them to drain and then return the pots to their growing spot.

The amount of water needed by the plants varies with the time of year, and the amount of light and the temperature that the plant is placed in.

**Humidity** Houseplants need less warm air and more moist air than you think. Papery leaves generally need more humidity in the air than thick, leathery ones. If your room is centrally heated, group dry-air plants together, double pot specimen plants and mist the foliage as frequently as recommended.

**Fertilizer** If the plant is growing in soil or compost it is advisable not to use a method of feeding which relies on a reservoir of nutrients. There are times when the plant may not need feeding, and when it is necessary. The amount of nutrients needed by the plant depends on the size of the plant and the size of the pot. The most popular method is to feed each time you water when the plant is growing or flowering. It's always a good idea to use the plant specific fertilizers like: African violet fertilizer, orchid food, foliage plants food, cactus food and others. They are specifically designed for the needs of those plants.

**Repotting** The best time for repotting plants is in the spring so the roots will have plenty of time to become established before the onset of the resting season. Choose a pot that is only slightly larger than the previous one.

Types of Houseplants include: Foliage, flowering and cactus. Foliage plants will keep their display year round; Flowering plants provide a temporary floral display, and cacti create a unique display.



### TIPS & TRICKS

# HOUSEPLANT LIGHTING

## FOR SHADE

Well away from a window but enough light to allow you to read a newspaper.

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME
Aglaonema .....	Chinese Evergreen
Maranta .....	Prayer Plant
Philodendron	
Sansevieria.....	Mother-in-law's Tongue
Maracas .....	Brazilian Fireworks
Zamocaulus .....	ZZ
Dracaena .....	Lucky Bamboo
Scindapsus .....	Pothos

## FOR SEMI-SHADE OR OFFICE LIGHT

Near a sunless window or some distance away from a bright window.

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME
Aglaonema .....	Chinese Evergreen
Cordyline glauca	
Cissus rhumifolia .....	Grape, Oak Leaf Ivy
Dracaena	
Ferns	
Zingiber .....	Ginger
Hedera.....	English & Algerian Ivy
Hemigraphis.....	Waffle Plant
Maranta .....	Prayer Plant
Philodendron.....	
Pachira .....	Money Plant
Palm .....	Neanthe Bella Palm
Pachira aquatica.....	Money Tree
Scindapsus .....	Pothos
Chlorophytum.....	Nonvariegated Spider
Sansevieria.....	Mother-in-Law's Tongue

## FOR BRIGHT, INDIRECT SUN

On a windowsill or near a bright window without direct sun.

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME
Anthurium .....	Flamigo Flower
Aphelandra squarrosa.....	Zebra plant
Asparagus .....	Asparagus Fern
Alocasia .....	Kris Plant
Begonia Rex	
Bromeliads	
Calathea	
Chlorophytum.....	Variegated Spider Plant
Cyclamen	
Gynura aurantiaca .....	Purple Passion
Ficus Elastica .....	Rubber Plant
Ficus Repens.....	Creeping Fig
Senecio .....	German Ivy
Dieffenbachia .....	Dumb Cane
Dracaena	
Hemigraphis.....	Waffle Plant
Most Ferns .....	Bird's Nest Fern
Hedera.....	English & Algerian Ivy
Maranta .....	Prayer Plant
Nepththytis .....	Butterfly, Arrowhead
Peperomia .....	Peperomia
Philodendron	
Pilea .....	Aluminum Plant
Helxine soleirolii .....	Baby Tears
Plectranthus .....	Swedish Ivy
Podocarpus .....	Buddhist Pine
Radermachera.....	China Doll
Schefflera .....	Umbrella Tree
Spathiphyllum .....	Peace Lily
Rhoeo spathacea .....	Moses in the Cradle
Stromanthe	
Zygocactus.....	Christmas Cactus
Tradescantia.....	Wandering Jew
Saxifraga stolonifera .....	Strawberry Begonia
Senecio radicans .....	String of Bananas
Senecio rwleyanus .....	String of Pearls
Succulents	
Scindapsus .....	Pothos

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**Palms**

- Sansevieria..... Mother-in-law’s Tongue
- Ardesia ..... Coral Berry
- Cissus rhumifolia ..... Grape, Oak Leaf Ivy

## FOR SOME DIRECT SUNLIGHT

On or very close to an east-or west-facing windowsill.  
May need protection from hot summer sun.

<b>BOTANICAL NAME</b>	<b>COMMON NAME</b>
Aeschynanthus radicans .....	Lipstick Plant
Arboricola.....	Dwarf Umbrella
Dizygotheca .....	False Aralia
Beaucarnea recurvata.....	Ponytail Palm
Bromeliads	
Cordyline	
Dracaena	
Episcia .....	Lace Plant
Ficus	
Palms	
Hoya	
Lithop .....	Living Stone
Araucaria heterophylla .....	Norfolk Pine
Nematanthus.....	Goldfish Plant
Orchids	
Nepenthes .....	Pitcher Plant
Philodendron with colored leaves	
Sansevieria.....	Mother-in-law’s Tongue
Solanum pseudocapsicum .....	Jerusalem Cherry
Rhoeo Spathacea.....	Moses in the Cradle
Tradescantia.....	Wandering Jew
Dionaea muscipula.....	Venus Fly Trap
Polyscias.....	Ming, Dinnerplate Aralia
Strelitzia .....	Bird of Paradise
Setcreasea.....	Purple Heart

## FOR A SUNNY WINDOW

On or very close to a south-facing windowsill.  
Light shading may be necessary in midsummer.

<b>BOTANICAL NAME</b>	<b>COMMON NAME</b>
Aloe Vera	
Saintpaulia .....	African Violet
Cacti	
Ceropegia woodii.....	Rosary Vine, String of Hearts
Citrus	
Cordyline	
Hibiscus	
Hoya variegata	
Jade	
Jasmine	
Croton.....	Joseph’s Coat
Kalanchoe	
Ficus benjimina .....	Fig Tree
Pedilanthus .....	Devil’s Backbone
Pleomele .....	Song of India
Sedum morganiunum.....	Burro’s Tail
Succulents	
Aeschynanthus radicans .....	Lipstick Plant
Musa .....	Banana
Strelitzia .....	Bird of Paradise



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