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FERTILIZER CYCLE & CARE GUIDE

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants

Bitter Aloe



Category

🌿 Succulent Plant

Family

🌿 Asphodelaceae

Common Name

🌿 Bitter Aloe

🌿 Cape Aloe

Vairty of colour



Description

Bitter Aloe (*Aloe ferox*) is a large and impressive succulent native to South Africa. It forms a rosette of thick, spiny green leaves and can grow into a tall tree-like plant over time. During winter and spring, it produces spectacular orange, red, or yellow flower spikes. It is famous for its ornamental beauty and traditional medicinal uses.



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Watering

💧 **Water only when the soil is dry.**

- Summer: Once every 7–10 days
- Winter: Once every 15–20 days
- Avoid overwatering

Temperature

🌡️ **Best Temperature**

- 18°C to 32°C

Can tolerate:

- 5°C to 40°C

Protect young plants from frost.

Sunlight

☀️ **Loves full sunlight.**

- 6–8 hours of sunlight daily
- Full sun is best
- Can tolerate hot outdoor conditions

Fertilizer

🌱 **Feed once every month during spring and summer.**

Recommended:

- NPK 19:19:19 liquid fertilizer
- Aloe fertilizer
- Vermicompost

Soil

🌿 **Requires very well-draining soil.**

Simple Soil Mix

- 40% Garden Soil
- 40% River Sand
- 20% Cocopeat or Compost



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Humidity

☁️ Prefers low humidity.

- Ideal humidity: 30%–50%
- Good airflow is important

Reproduction

🌱 Propagated through seeds and offsets.

Offset Method

1. Separate baby plants growing near the base.
2. Allow the cut area to dry for 1–2 days.
3. Plant in well-draining soil.

Benefits

Attractive architectural plant

- ✓ Produces stunning flower spikes
- ✓ Drought tolerant

Difficulty Level: Easy 🌿

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