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FERTILIZER CYCLE & CARE GUIDE

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants

Chain Cactus



Category

🌵 Cactus Plant

Family

🌿 Cactaceae

Common Name

🌵 Chain Cactus
🌵 Cholla Chain Cactus

Vairty of colour



Description

Chain Cactus is a unique desert cactus famous for its hanging chains of fruits that remain attached to the plant for years. It has cylindrical green stems covered with sharp spines and forms a tree-like structure as it matures. The chain-like fruit clusters create a dramatic appearance, making it a prized cactus for collectors and desert landscapes.



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Watering

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

- Summer: Once every 10–15 days
- Winter: Once every 20–30 days
- Avoid overwatering

Temperature

🌡️ **Best Temperature**

- 20°C to 35°C

Can tolerate:

- 5°C to 45°C

Protect young plants from frost.

Sunlight

☀️ **Loves full sunlight.**

- 6–8 hours of direct sunlight daily
- Full sun is required
- Best grown outdoors

Fertilizer

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

Recommended

- Cactus fertilizer
- NPK 19:19:19 liquid fertilizer (diluted)
- Seaweed extract

Soil

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

Simple Soil Mix

- 50% River Sand or Grit
- 30% Garden Soil
- 20% Cocopeat or Compost



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Humidity

- ☁️ Prefers low humidity.
- Ideal humidity: 20%–50%
 - Thrives in dry climates

Reproduction

🌱 Easy to propagate through stem segments.

Stem Cutting Method

1. Cut a healthy stem segment using gloves.
2. Allow the cut end to dry for 5–7 days.
3. Plant in dry cactus soil.

Benefits

Unique chain-like fruit clusters

- ✓ Extremely drought tolerant
- ✓ Low maintenance

Difficulty Level: Easy 🌱

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