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Plant Care Guide

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants



Jade Plants

(Crassula ovata)

Jade Plants are beautiful and resilient succulents known for their thick, fleshy leaves and tree-like appearance. With their glossy, oval-shaped leaves and sturdy stems, they make charming additions to any indoor or outdoor space.



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Origin: South Africa

Care Level & Placement: Easy care, Indoor or outdoor (in temperate climates)



Light

Jade Plants thrive in bright, indirect light. They can tolerate some direct sunlight, especially in the morning or late afternoon, but intense, prolonged sunlight can scorch their leaves. Place them near a window with filtered light or provide them with bright artificial light indoors.



Water

Water your Jade Plant thoroughly but infrequently. Allow the soil to dry out between waterings, as overwatering can lead to root rot. In general, Jade Plants prefer drier conditions and are more tolerant of underwatering than overwatering. Adjust watering frequency based on the season and the moisture level of the soil.



Soil

Plant Jade Plants in well-draining soil that replicates their natural habitat. A cactus or succulent potting mix works well, or you can create your own by combining regular potting soil with perlite or coarse sand to enhance drainage.



Fun fact

Jade Plants are believed to bring good luck and prosperity. They are often given as gifts for housewarmings, new businesses, or other auspicious occasions.



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Pet Friendliness

Jade Plants are mildly toxic to pets if ingested. They contain compounds that can cause gastrointestinal upset.



Stress Signs

Wrinkled leaves: Wrinkled leaves can indicate underwatering. If the leaves appear soft and shriveled, it's a sign that the plant needs water. Adjust your watering routine to keep the soil adequately moist, but not waterlogged.

Leaf drop: Excessive leaf drop can occur due to overwatering or sudden changes in temperature or light conditions. Ensure proper drainage, avoid overwatering, and provide consistent light and temperature levels to prevent leaf drop.

Stunted growth or pale leaves: Insufficient light can lead to stunted growth and pale leaves in Jade Plants. If you notice leggy or elongated stems with pale leaves, move the plant to a brighter location to promote healthier growth.



Botanical Family: Crassulaceae

Botanical Name: Crassula ovata

Common Name: Jade Plant, Money Plant, Friendship Tree, Lucky Plant



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