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FERTILIZER CYCLE & CARE GUIDE

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants



PEACE LILY

(SPATHIPHYLLUM SPP.)



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1. Fertilizer Cycle (Stage-wise)

1 Planting / Potting Stage

Soil: Well-draining potting mix, rich in organic matter (mix of peat moss, perlite, and garden soil).

Pot: Use a pot with drainage holes to avoid waterlogging.

Watering: Water lightly after planting; keep soil slightly moist.

 Initial Fertilizer:

Apply 1 tsp of organic compost or worm castings around the base at the time of planting.

2 Vegetative Growth Stage (First 2–3 months)

Feed every 6–8 weeks with balanced liquid fertilizer (NPK 10:10:10) diluted to half-strength.

Sunlight: Bright indirect light; avoid direct sunlight.

Watering: Keep soil consistently moist but not soggy.

 Hack: Mist leaves occasionally to maintain humidity and glossy foliage.

3 Flowering Stage (After 6–8 months)

Flowering Season: Can bloom year-round indoors, usually spring to summer outdoors.

Pre-flowering: Feed with Phosphorus-rich fertilizer (NPK 5:10:10) once a month to encourage spathes.

During flowering: Avoid overwatering; keep soil slightly on the drier side before watering to trigger blooms.

4 Mature Plant Maintenance

Fertilizer: Every 2 months, use liquid fertilizer or slow-release fertilizer (NPK 10:10:10).

Pruning: Remove yellow leaves or spent flowers to maintain plant health.

Repotting: Every 1–2 years in fresh potting mix to encourage root growth.

Watering: Maintain consistent moisture; reduce watering in winter.



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2. Caring Tips

- ✓ Light: Bright indirect sunlight; low light tolerated but fewer blooms.
- ✓ Soil: Moist, well-draining, rich in organic matter.
- ✓ Watering: Moderate; water when top inch of soil feels dry.
- ✓ Temperature: Prefers 18°C–25°C; avoid cold drafts.
- ✓ Humidity: Thrives in high humidity; mist leaves for indoor environments.
- ✓ Propagation: Division of root clumps during repotting.
- ✓ Pests/Diseases: Susceptible to spider mites and scale insects; wipe leaves and use neem oil spray if needed.

3. Pro Hacks & Nursery Tips

-  Bloom Booster: Place in bright indirect light and feed Phosphorus-rich fertilizer monthly.
-  Leaf Shine Hack: Wipe leaves with a damp cloth or a few drops of milk to keep glossy.
-  Container Hack: Use wide pots to allow horizontal growth; Peace Lilies spread via rhizomes.
-  Watering Tip: Avoid cold water; use room-temperature water for best growth.

4. Blooming Pattern in India

Flowering Season: Year-round indoors; spring–summer outdoors.

Flower Type: White spathes (modified leaves) with central spadix.

Plant Type: Perennial tropical indoor plant; grows 1–3 ft tall.

Watering Needs: Keep consistently moist but not soggy.

Temperature: 18°C–25°C; sensitive to frost.

Special Feature: Excellent air-purifying plant — removes toxins like formaldehyde and benzene.

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