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Plant Care Guide

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants



Plumeria

(Plumeria spp.)

Plumeria, also known as Frangipani, is a tropical and subtropical flowering plant known for its beautiful, fragrant blossoms. These stunning flowers are commonly associated with Hawaiian leis due to their vibrant colors and delightful scent.



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Origin: Central America, Mexico, and the Caribbean

Care Level & Placement: Moderate Care, Outdoor plant



Light

Plumerias thrive in full sun, so provide them with at least 6 to 8 hours of direct sunlight per day for optimal flowering. Plumerias can be grown in containers and placed outdoors during the warmer months, but they require plenty of sunlight.



Water

Water your Plumeria sparingly, allowing the soil to dry out between waterings. These plants are somewhat drought-tolerant and should not be overwatered. They do well in moderate humidity levels.



Soil

Plant Plumerias in well-draining soil mixtures. They benefit from occasional feeding with a balanced, slow-release fertilizer during the growing season (spring and summer) to encourage flower production.



Fun fact

Plumeria flowers are highly fragrant and come in various colors, including white, yellow, pink, and red. Their sweet scent is often used in perfumes and leis.



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Pet Friendliness

While Plumerias are not known to be highly toxic to pets, it's best to keep them out of reach of curious animals. Ingesting any part of the plant may cause mild gastrointestinal discomfort.



Stress Signs

Leaf Dropping: Plumerias are deciduous, which means they naturally drop their leaves during the cooler months. However, if your Plumeria is losing leaves during the growing season, it may indicate stress, possibly due to overwatering or insufficient sunlight.

Lack of Flowering: If your Plumeria fails to produce flowers or produces fewer blossoms than usual, it might be experiencing stress. This could result from insufficient sunlight, inadequate fertilization, or root-bound conditions.

Yellowing Leaves: Yellowing leaves can be a sign of various issues, including overwatering, nutrient deficiencies, or pests. Regularly inspect your Plumeria for pests and ensure you're following a proper watering and fertilization routine.



Botanical Family: Apocynaceae

Botanical Name: Plumeria spp.

Common Name: Frangipani, Hawaiian Lei Flower



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