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FERTILIZER CYCLE & CARE GUIDE

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants

String of Tears



Category

🌿 Tropical

Family

🌿 Apocynaceae

Common Name

🌿 Sedum 'Tornado'
🌿 Tornado Stonecrop

Vairty of colour



Description

🌿 String of Tears (*Curio herreanus*) is a beautiful trailing succulent native to South Africa and Namibia. It has long cascading stems covered with small, teardrop-shaped green leaves marked with transparent stripes. These leaves store water, making the plant drought tolerant. In summer, mature plants may produce small white flowers with a light cinnamon-like fragrance.



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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 28°C

Can Tolerate

- 10°C to 35°C

Protect from frost and freezing temperatures.

Sunlight

☀️ **Loves bright light.**

Ideal Light

- 3-5 hours of morning sunlight
- Bright indirect light indoors

Fertilizer

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

Recommended Fertilizers

- Succulent Fertilizer
- NPK 19:19:19 Liquid Fertilizer

Soil

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

Simple Soil Mix

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



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Humidity

 Prefers low humidity.

Ideal Humidity

• 30%–50%

Reproduction

 Very easy to propagate through stem cuttings.

Stem Cutting Method (Best Method)

1. Cut a healthy stem 8–10 cm long.
2. Let the cut end dry for 1 day.
3. Lay the stem on succulent soil or lightly cover the nodes.

Benefits

 Easy to propagate through leaves, offsets, and seeds.

Leaf Propagation

1. Gently remove a healthy leaf.
2. Allow it to dry for 1–2 days.

Difficulty Level: Easy 

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