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FERTILIZER CYCLE & CARE GUIDE

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants

African Candelabra



Category

🌵 Succulent

Family

🌿 Euphorbiaceae

Common Name

🌵 African Candelabra
🌵 Candelabra Tree

Vairty of colour



Description

African Candelabra is a tall, cactus-like succulent native to Africa. It has thick green stems with ridges and small spines along the edges. The branches grow upward like a candelabra (candle holder), giving the plant its unique appearance. It is commonly grown as an ornamental plant in gardens and large containers.



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Watering

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

- Summer: Once every 7–10 days
- Winter: Once every 15–25 days
- Avoid overwatering

Temperature

🌡️ **Best Temperature:**

- 18°C to 32°C

Can tolerate:

- 10°C to 40°C

Protect from frost and freezing temperatures.

Sunlight

☀️ **Loves full sunlight.**

- 6–8 hours direct sunlight daily
- Bright outdoor locations are best
- Can adapt to bright indoor areas near windows

Fertilizer

Recommended:

- NPK 19:19:19 liquid fertilizer
- Cactus & Succulent fertilizer
- Vermicompost (small quantity)

Do not fertilize during winter dormancy.

Soil

🌱 **Needs fast-draining soil.**

Simple Soil Mix

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

A cactus or succulent potting mix works best.



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Humidity

☁️ Prefers low to moderate humidity.

- Ideal: 30%–60% humidity
- Good airflow prevents root rot

Reproduction

🌱 Easy to propagate from stem cuttings.

Stem Cutting Method

1. Cut a healthy branch using gloves.
2. Allow the cut end to dry for 5–7 days.
3. Plant in dry succulent soil.
4. Water lightly after one week.
5. Roots usually develop within 3–6 weeks.

Benefits

Drought tolerant

- ✓ Low maintenance
- ✓ Unique architectural appearance
- ✓ Excellent for xeriscaping
- ✓ Suitable for large pots and gardens

Difficulty Level: Easy 🌱

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