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# FERTILIZER CYCLE & CARE GUIDE

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants

## Glaucous Barrel Cactus



### Category

 Ornamental

### Family

 Asteraceae

### Common Name

- Blue Barrel Cactus
- Blue Barrel

### Vairty of colour



### Description

Glaucous Barrel Cactus is a slow-growing succulent cactus native to Mexico. Young plants are almost round, while older plants may become slightly cylindrical.

Its most attractive feature is the powdery blue-green or grey-blue body. The plant has clearly visible ribs with clusters of pale yellow to golden spines.



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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, division, and leaf 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. Plant it in well-draining succulent soil.

## 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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