

# Cactus and Succulent Care

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## Easy Care and Drought Tolerant

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Kalanchoe, Cactus, and Succulents are carefree plants that don't require a lot of attention and are extremely easy to grow. Proper proportions of good drainage, generous but infrequent waterings, regular, diluted feedings and good light are the basic needs of your desert plant.

**Light:** Give these plants the brightest light or sunniest window that you can provide. Most cacti and succulents are not happy in shady corners or north-facing windows as they need at least four to six hours of strong light daily if they are grown indoors. Plants with inadequate light may stretch (skinny growth).

**Temperature:** They are perfectly happy in the same temperatures that we like indoors, but can tolerate temperatures as low as 50°F.

**Water:** The worst enemy of Cacti and Succulents is over watering. You must be careful to make sure the plant needs water. Feel the weight of the pot when just watered and when it is dry. A totally dry pot weighs considerably less and is one sign of a thirsty plant. Feel the soil at least one inch down and if the soil is dry, it is time to water the plant. Let the water thoroughly drain through the roots and out the bottom, making sure the entire pot of soil is saturated. Drain thoroughly; never let the plants sit in water. During their non-growing or resting stage, usually in cold winter weather, they will need very little water.

**Soil:** Well-drained soil is important. Use potting mix designed for cactus and succulents when repotting your plant.

**Feeding:** feed monthly with a houseplant food during growing season, usually during the summer months. Little to no feeding during the dormant months, usually during the winter months, is necessary. It is also convenient to use one of the slow release granular fertilizers. These usually last for several months.

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