

DRACAENA CARE GUIDE

Dracaenas are the perfect mix of drama and low-maintenance care. With their long, sword-like leaves and bold architectural shape, they add a striking look to any space. Plus, they're incredibly adaptable—some varieties can survive low light, while others thrive in brighter spots. Many Dracaenas are also drought-tolerant, making them great for forgetful waterers.

LIGHT REQUIREMENTS



- ✓ Best: Bright, indirect light for fast growth and vibrant colors.
- ✓ Tolerates: Low light, but growth will be much slower.
- ✓ Avoid: Direct sunlight—it can scorch the leaves.

Pro Tip: If you have a variegated Dracaena (like 'Song of India'), it needs more light to maintain its bright colors. Green-leaved types tolerate lower light better.

SOIL & POTTING NEEDS

- ✓ Use a well-draining, loose potting mix—a standard houseplant mix with added perlite or sand works well.
- ✓ Avoid heavy, moisture-retaining soils—Dracaenas prefer drier conditions.
- ✓ Repot every 2–3 years to refresh the soil and prevent root crowding.

Bonus Tip: Dracaenas don't like sitting in wet soil, so always choose a pot with drainage holes.

GROWTH & SIZE

- ✓ Growth Rate: Moderate—faster in brighter light, slower in low light.
- ✓ Can grow 3–10 feet tall indoors, depending on variety.
- ✓ Some varieties, like *Dracaena marginata*, can be pruned to encourage branching.

Want a taller, tree-like look? Let your Dracaena grow long, woody stems, or trim it back to encourage bushy growth.

HUMIDITY & TEMPERATURE

- ✓ Humidity: Prefers 40–50% humidity, but adapts to normal home conditions.
- ✓ Temperature: Thrives in 65–80°F (18–27°C).
- ✓ Avoid cold drafts, AC vents, and heaters, which can dry out the leaves.

Humidity Hack: If the leaf edges start browning, it's a sign your plant wants more humidity—try misting or placing it near a humidifier.



WATERING SCHEDULE



- ✓ Water every 2–3 weeks, allowing the top half of the soil to dry out before watering again.
- ✓ In low light, water even less—every 3–4 weeks.
- ✓ Dracaenas hate tap water chemicals—use filtered, distilled, or rainwater to avoid brown leaf tips.

Common Mistake: Overwatering is the #1 killer—if leaves turn yellow and drop, check for soggy soil!

COMMON ISSUES & TROUBLESHOOTING

- ▶ Brown Leaf Tips?
 - ✓ Likely caused by tap water chemicals, dry air, or underwatering—switch to filtered water and increase humidity.
- ▶ Yellowing or Drooping Leaves?
 - ✓ Usually a sign of overwatering—let soil dry out more between waterings.
- ▶ Soft, Mushy Stem?
 - ✓ Root rot from too much water—check for soggy soil and trim any damaged roots.
- ▶ Leaves Curling or Wrinkling?
 - ✓ Not enough water! Give it a drink and adjust your schedule.

Bonus Tip:

Keep your Dracaena dust-free by wiping the leaves with a damp cloth every couple of weeks—clean leaves absorb more light and stay healthier!



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Plants have always been a part of my life. From a young age, I was fascinated by the magic of watching a plant grow from a tiny seed to a beautiful work of art. What began as a hobby—experimenting with different plants, learning about their care, and creating unique arrangements—quickly grew into a passion. After years in the corporate world, I made the decision to follow that passion and create Verdure Studio, blending my love for design and plants to transform spaces and bring a sense of joy and connection to my clients.