

**STOP KILLING  
YOUR PLANTS**



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# TOP 10 REASONS HOUSEPLANTS DIE

Houseplants can die for a variety of reasons, and understanding these common causes can help you prevent issues and keep your indoor plants healthy. Here are some of the most common reasons why houseplants die:

- 1. Overwatering:** This is one of the leading causes of houseplant death. Overwatering can lead to root rot, which deprives the plant of oxygen and nutrients. Signs of overwatering include wilting, yellowing leaves, and a foul odor from the soil.
- 2. Underwatering:** Not providing enough water is also a common problem. When plants don't receive adequate moisture, they may wilt, develop dry, crispy leaves, or drop leaves.
- 3. Poor Drainage:** Inadequate drainage in the pot can cause water to collect at the bottom, leading to root rot. It's essential to choose pots with drainage holes and use well-draining potting soil.
- 4. Improper Light:** Houseplants have varying light requirements. Placing a plant in the wrong light conditions, whether it's too much or too little light, can lead to weak growth, leggy stems, and poor overall health.



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- 5. Temperature Extremes:** Drastic temperature fluctuations or exposure to extreme cold or heat can stress and damage plants. Most houseplants prefer stable indoor temperatures.
- 6. Pests and Diseases:** Insects like aphids, mealybugs, spider mites, and fungal diseases can infest houseplants, weakening them or even killing them if left untreated.
- 7. Nutrient Deficiencies:** Houseplants need essential nutrients to thrive. If they don't receive the right balance of nutrients, they can suffer from yellowing leaves, stunted growth, and poor overall health.
- 8. Pot Size:** Choosing the wrong pot size can affect plant health. A pot that is too small can lead to root-bound plants, while one that is too large can hold too much water, causing root rot.
- 9. Lack of Humidity:** Many indoor environments have low humidity, which can be detrimental to plants that require higher humidity levels. Using a humidifier or misting the plant can help.
- 10. Neglect:** Houseplants require regular care, including pruning, repotting when needed, and cleaning. Neglecting these tasks can result in declining plant health.

# HOW TO PROPERLY USE THE MOISTURE METER

Simply insert the probe carefully in the soil at least 2 inches (for larger pot, deeper), wait for a couple seconds and check the water level.

If the water level is below your specific plants required water level (refer to the chart), it's time to water your plant. Wipe clean the probe after use.

## PRO TIP:

1. Don't just test the soil once, insert the probe a few times into different sections of your plant pot for better understanding.
2. Insert the probe close to the root level.
3. Be gentle when inserting the probe. Try not to hurt your plant's root.
4. Wipe clean after each use.

5. DO NOT leave it in the soil. Store in a cool dry place.

## IMPORTANT NOTE:

This soil meter is specifically designed to measure the moisture level of the soil, NOT pure water or other liquids. Water has different conductivity and may damage the meter. So never put it in the bucket of water for testing.

**Water won't read all the way to the right.**

# PLANT WATER & LIGHT CHART

Your moisture meter measures moisture levels on a scale from 1 to 12. Level 1 means it's very dry, and Level 12 means it's very wet. Neither extreme is good for your plants, so keep an eye on them.

Go to the next page, and you'll find a list of plants sorted by their common names. Find your plant and check the recommended moisture range.

If your meter is reading higher than the suggested range, hold off on watering. But if it's at or below the range, it's time to grab your watering can and give your plant a drink!

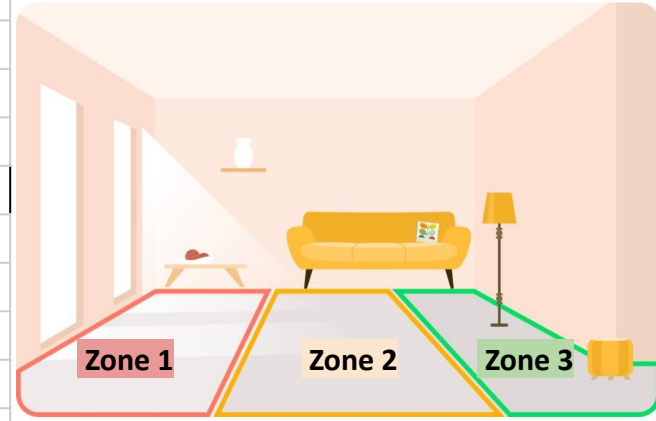
It's preferable to underwater rather than over water your plant.



Use provided plant tags to write down the water and light level. You don't have to memorize anymore.

PLANT NAME	WATER AT LEVEL	LIGHT LEVEL (ZONE)
Action Plant / Sensitive Plant	3	1
Aeschynanthus Radicans / Lipstick Plant	3	2
African Violet	2	1
Agave	1	1
Aglaonema	2	3
Air Plant - <i>Requires soaking once a week</i>	3	2
Alligator Plant / Mother of Thousands	2	1
Alocasia / Elephant Ear	3	2
Aloe	2	2
Aluminum Plant	3	3
Anchor Plant	1	1
Anthurium	3	3
Aralia False	3	Medium
Areca Palm	4	Bright to Indirect
Arrowhead Vine	3	Medium
Asparagus Fern	3	Bright
Aspidistra	2	Low to Medium
Asplenium Nidus	3	Medium to Bright
Astrophytum Myriostigma	1	Bright
Azalea	3	Bright

## LIGHT LEVEL (ZONE)



### Zone 1:

Full sun, close to the window or outside.  
Gets 6+ hours of sunlight.

### Zone 2:

Partial sun - little away from the window.  
Gets 3-5 hours of sunlight.

### Zone 3:

Full Shade - Further away from the window.  
Gets Less than 3 hours of sunlight.

PLANT NAME	WATER AT LEVEL	LIGHT LEVEL
Baby Tears	3	Bright
Baby'S Breath	3	Bright
Bamboo Palm	3	Medium to Bright
Bamboo Plant	3	Bright
Bay Tree	4	Bright
Begonia	3	Bright
Bird Of Paradise	3	Bright
Bird'S Nest Fern	3	Medium to Bright
Bishop'S Cap	1	Bright
Black-Eyed Susan Vine	3	Bright
Blushing Bride	3	Bright
Bonsai Tree	3	Bright
Boston Fern	4	Medium to Bright
Bromeliad	3	Bright
Buddhist Pine	3	Bright
Bunny Ear Cactus	4	Bright
Burro'S Tail	1	Bright
Cacti	2	Bright
Caladium	3	Bright
Calathea	3	Medium





PLANT NAME	WATER AT LEVEL	LIGHT LEVEL
Calla Lily	3	Bright
Candelabra Cactus	1	Bright
Cast Iron Plant	1	Low
Century Plant	1	Bright
Ceropegia	2	Bright
Chain Cactus	1	Bright
Chamaedorea Elegans	2	Low to Medium
Chinese evergreens	1	Bright, Indirect Sunlight
Chinese Money Plant	3	Bright, Indirect Sunlight
Christmas Cactus	3	Medium to Bright
Coleus	3	Bright
Colocasia	3	Bright
Coral Cactus	3	Bright
Cordyline	3	Medium to Bright
Creeping Fig	2	Bright
Croton	3	Bright
Crown Of Thorns	2	Bright
Cryptanthus	2	Bright
Cycas Revoluta	3	Bright
Cyclamen	4	Medium



PLANT NAME	WATER AT LEVEL	LIGHT LEVEL
Daisy	3	Medium to Bright
Daphne	4	Bright
Deliciosa	2	Bright
Dieffenbachia	3	Medium
Donkey'S Tail	3	Bright
Dracaena	2	Low
Dracaena Marginata	2	Medium
Dracaena Palm	2	Medium
Dragon Tree	2	Medium
Dumb Cane	3	Medium
Echeveria	4	Bright
Elephant Ear	4	Bright
English Ivy	3	Medium to Bright
Epiphyllum	3	Bright
Episcia	3	Bright
Euonymus	3	Bright
Euphorbia	4	Bright
Evergreen	4	Bright
Ferns	3	Medium
Ficus Audrey	3	Bright



PLANT NAME	WATER AT LEVEL	LIGHT LEVEL
Ficus Benjamina	2	Medium to Bright
Ficus Lyrata	4	Bright
Fiddle Leaf Fig	3	Bright
Fingernail Plant	3	Bright
Firecracker Plant	1	Full Sun
Fittonia	4	Low
Flame Violet	3	Bright
Flaming Katy	4	Bright
Flaming Sword	3	Bright
Flamingo Plant	4	Bright
Fuchsia	4	Bright
Gardenia	4	Bright
Geranium	4	Bright
Ghost Plant	3	Bright
Glory Lily	4	Bright
Gold Dust Plant	3	Medium
Golden Barrel Cactus	4	Bright
Golden Pothos	2	Low to Bright
Graptopetalum Paraguayense	3	Bright
Haworthia	2	Bright to Medium



PLANT NAME	WATER AT LEVEL	LIGHT LEVEL
Haworthiopsis Attenuata	2	Bright
Heartleaf Philodendron	2	Low to Medium
Hibiscus	2	Bright
Hoya	2	Bright
Ivy	3	Bright
Jade Plant	2	Bright
Jasmine Plant	4	Bright
Kalanchoe	3	Bright
Kentia Palm	4	Medium to Bright
Laceleaf	3	Bright
Lady Palm	3	Medium to Bright
Lantana	3	Bright
Lantern Plant	3	Bright
Lavender	4	Bright
Lemon Balm	4	Medium to Bright
Lipstick Vine	3	Bright
Lithops	2	Bright
Living Stones	2	Bright
Living Vase Plant	3	Bright, Indirect Sunlight
Lucky Bamboo	3	Low to Medium



PLANT NAME	WATER AT LEVEL	LIGHT LEVEL
Madagascar Palm	3	Bright
Maidenhair Fern	4	Medium
Majesty Palm	4	Bright to Medium
Maranta	3	Medium to Bright
Marigold	4	Bright
Mimosa Pudica	3	Bright
Miniature Rose	3	Bright
Money Tree - Loves a good misting	2	Bright
Monstera Adansonii	4	Bright
Monstera Deliciosa	4	Medium to Bright
Nerve Plant	3	Medium
Norfolk Island Pine	3	Medium to Bright
Opuntia Microdasys	4	Bright
Orchid	3	Bright
Orchid Cactus	3	Bright
Oxalis	3	Medium
Pachira Aquatica	2	Medium
Pachypodium Lamerei	3	Bright
Palm	3	Bright, Indirect Sunlight
Panda Plant	4	Bright



PLANT NAME	WATER AT LEVEL	LIGHT LEVEL
Parlor Palm	3	Low to Medium
Peace Lily	4	Medium
Peperomia Argyreia	3	Medium
Peperomia Obtusifolia	2	Low to Medium
Persian Shield	3	Bright
Philodendron	2	Bright, Indirect Sunlight
Piggyback Plant	3	Bright
Pilea Peperomioides	3	Medium
Pineapple Plant	4	Bright
Pink Quill	4	Bright
Platycerium	3	Medium to Bright
Poinsettia	4	Bright
Polka Dot Plant	3	Bright
Ponytail Palm	3	Bright
Pothos	2	Bright, Indirect Sunlight
Prayer Plant	3	Medium
Purple Heart	4	Bright
Rattlesnake Plant	4	Medium
Rex Begonia	3	Medium to Bright
Rhaphidophora tetrasperma	2	Bright, Indirect Sunlight



PLANT NAME	WATER AT LEVEL	LIGHT LEVEL
Rosary Vine	3	Bright
Rubber Plant	2	Bright
Sago Palm	2	Bright
Sansevieria	2	Low to Bright
Schefflera Arboricola	3	Medium
Sedum Morganianum	2	Bright
Senecio Rowleyanus	3	Bright
Sensitive Plant	3	Bright Full Sun
Shamrock Plant	3	Medium
Snake plant	1	Bright, Indirect Sunlight
Spider Plant	2	Bright
Spiderwort	3	Bright
Split-Leaf Philodendron	4	Bright
Staghorn Fern	3	Medium to Bright
String Of Hearts	3	Bright
String Of Pearls	3	Bright
Strobilanthes Dyerianus	3	Bright
Succulents	3	Bright
Swiss Cheese Plant	4	Bright
Sword fern	3	Low to Medium



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Temple Bells	3	Bright
Tetrasperma	4	Bright
Thunbergia Alata	4	Bright
Ti Plant	3	Medium to Bright
Tillandsia Cyanea	3	Bright
Tolmiea Menziesii	3	Bright
Tradescantia Pallida	4	Bright
Tradescantia Zebrina	3	Bright
Triangularis	3	Bright
Umbrella Tree	3	Medium
Velvet Plant	4	Bright
Venus Flytrap	1	Bright
Verbena	4	Bright
Wandering Jew	3	Bright
Watermelon Peperomia	3	Medium
Wax Plants	2	Medium
Weeping Fig	2	Bright
Yucca	2	Bright
Zamioculcas zamiifolia	1	Low to Medium
Zebra Plant	4	Bright
Zz Plant	1	Low to Medium



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## Garden Bag

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# VERY HELPFUL 12 TIPS

- When your plant appears unhappy, it's often a signal that it's in need of hydration.
- If your plant is excessively dry and challenging to water from the top, consider the bottom-watering method. Place it on a container with a few inches of water and let it absorb moisture until it's evenly hydrated.
- Avoid leaving your plant sitting in excess water. After watering, ensure you remove any surplus water that drains from the pot.
- To boost humidity for tropical plants, you can utilize a humidifier, position them near other plants, or use a fine mist to moisten the air around them.
- To facilitate efficient photosynthesis, make it a habit to remove any dust from your plant's leaves.
- It's preferable to underwater rather than over water your plant. Overwatering can be detrimental, but underwatering is a correctable issue.



# VERY HELPFUL 12 TIPS

- Routinely eliminate dead leaves from your plant to encourage healthier growth and save energy.
- The amount of light your plant receives affects how frequently it needs watering. More light leads to faster drying, while less light results in slower drying.
- Spring offers an ideal window for repotting houseplants if you observe roots protruding from the drainage holes or notice the plant is root-bound. Opt for a slightly larger pot than its current one.
- Smaller pots have a tendency to dry out more quickly, so it's advisable to monitor them more frequently than larger ones.
- If you notice your plant accumulating dust, make an effort to gently cleanse its leaves to enable unimpeded sunlight and optimal photosynthesis.
- During the warmer seasons, your plants will have a higher thirst level compared to the colder months. Therefore, it's prudent to check on them more frequently during spring and summer.

# THANK YOU!

If you have any question about a specific plant feel free to email us.

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