

# CARE GUIDE

## Marimo Moss

### LET'S GET TO KNOW YOU

"Marimo" is a Japanese word which literally translates to "seaweed ball." As such, they're not a type of moss at all, but a rare form of spherical algae. This is an extremely slow growing specimen, adding only 5mm per year. In their natural habitats - cool, fresh water lakes in Japan, Estonia, Iceland, Scotland and Australia - they've been known to grow to between 8 and 12 inches in diameter.

### LIGHT

Marimo need low to medium indirect light and must be protected from direct sun, otherwise they'll turn brown. Also bear in mind that the glass container which holds the moss can intensify sunlight and heat up the water quickly. Remember, these plants are native to cool lakes. Marimo are well-adapted to low-light spaces and can photosynthesize in normal household light.

### WATER

Change your water every two weeks, and regular tap water is fine, providing you allow it to sit in an open container for at least 24 hours before introducing it to your container. Clean your container with a brush if you notice algae forming on the side.

### KEEP 'EM MOVING

To keep your Marimo round, gently agitate and swirl the water every few days to mimic underwater currents, with the goal of having the ball settle in a different position each time.

### BROWNING

If you notice your Marimo beginning to brown, it likely means they're getting too much light. Immediately move them to a shadier location and monitor closely - there's a good chance they'll go back to being green.

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