

PARLOR PALM CARE GUIDE



Parlor Palm
Chamaedorea elegans

WATERING

Like other palms, they are sensitive to overwatering and cannot tolerate being waterlogged. They grow best when waiting till the top 1" of soil dries between waterings. Yellow fronds can be an indication the plant needs more water.

AIR

Avoid placing the plant near cold windows or cold drafts as the palm does not like temperatures below 50 degrees. Brown tips are usually an indication of cold drafts or dry periods. To fix brown spots caused by dry air, place the palm on a pebble tray to increase humidity.

PROBLEMS TO WATCH FOR

- **Tip burn:** caused by dry soil, low humidity, or a build up of salt. Cut off brown tips if this occurs and adjust care.
- **Overwatering:** Signs include yellowing leaves or a squishy trunk.

LIGHT

Unlike other palms, this kind thrives in lower light and will do nicely in a northern window or foyer. Too much light can be a detriment to these plants.

GROWTH

These plants have weaker root systems and prefer crowding over regular repotting.

FERTILIZER

In the spring, fertilize once using a weak liquid fertilizer as they are not heavy feeders.

SOIL TYPE

Plant in a glazed pot with a high quality potting mix that is a good balance between water drainage and retention. The glazed pot helps with soil moisture consistency instead of the larger swings that come with terra cotta.