

PEACE LILY CARE GUIDE



Peace Lily *Spathiphyllum spp.*

Fun Fact: The peace lily derives its name from its white flowers, which rise slightly above its green foliage and resemble a white flag of peace.

WATERING

Peace Lilies prefer damp soil but have a great ability to bounce back if the leaves begin to droop from dry soil. When soil does dry out, it is best to bottom water using a bowl or kitchen sink to allow the plant to soak up as much water as it needs before returning it to its home.

AIR

Peace lilies appreciate higher humidity but will grow in average household air. If you feel your air is on the dryer side, less than 40%, you can mist the leaves occasionally to increase humidity or set the plant on a pebble tray so that the plant is resting above the water line.

POT CHOICE

The right size pot will be about $\frac{1}{3}$ larger than the root ball of the plant. These plants prefer a general potting mix to balance the soil moisture.

VARIETIES

- *Spathiphyllum wallisii* is a smaller peace lily, reaching only 12 inches tall.
- 'Petite' is smaller still, at approximately 8–10 inches.
- 'Sensation' is the largest variety available, capable of growing up to 4–6 feet in height and width.
- 'Domino', is a medium-size variety with attractively variegated leaves.
- 'Mojo Lime', which has lime-green foliage, is another medium-size peace lily.

LIGHT

These plants can grow in low light or bright, indirect light: This means they will be happiest in front of west-facing, east-facing windows, or a couple of feet back from south-facing windows but can tolerate a north facing window.

FLOWERING

While peace lilies can grow in low light, the best way to encourage flowers is higher light. If you have the plant in a higher light setting and it still is not flowering, or is producing weak/green flowers, it may need fertilizing.

FERTILIZER

During the spring and summer, this plant will appreciate being fed with a liquid fertilizer every two weeks to provide nutrients for the growing plant. While fertilizing, it is a great time to wipe down the surface of the leaves using a damp cloth or leaf cleaner to remove any dust.

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