

CARE GUIDE

Tillandsia (Air Plants)

LIGHT

Bright & Indirect. A North or East-facing window is ideal. Most of the Tillandsia featured in our shop come from Xeric (dry/bright) regions of Central America and grow in the upper canopy of trees or cliffsides.

WATERING

Tillandsia get all of their water and nutrients through their leaves. Any roots you see would be used to anchor the plant wherever it may be growing in the wild and aren't used for water or nutrient uptake.

Tillandsia should be misted every 3-5 days (more often in winter when the air is dry) and "dunked" about once a month. Think of Tillandsia leaves like your kitchen sponge - when it fully dries out it doesn't absorb water very well. You can either run your plant under your kitchen sink and fully wet the leaves, or soak it in a bowl of room temperature water for 15-60 minutes. This deep hydration helps the plants to recover if you've forgotten a watering. Make sure to shake out your plant to remove any standing water which can cause the plant to rot.

FERTILIZER

Fertilizer replaces what plants would normally absorb in the wild. Tillandsia normally obtain nutrients from a variety of sources, from dead insects to bird droppings, and they won't have access to those sources when growing in your home ;-). Fertilize Tillandsia 1-2 times each month with a gentle, water-soluble fertilizer.

PLACEMENT AND TEMPERATURE

Tillandsia can go outdoors during the summer, given specific conditions. Remember they don't like standing water in their leaves and they need indirect sunlight, so make sure to place them outdoors with these guidelines in mind. Otherwise, Tillandsia are easy to move around since they don't require any soil. They appreciate warmer air, so if growing outdoors be sure to bring them inside for the season when temperatures begin to dip below 60 degrees at night.

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