

# CALADIUM CARE GUIDE

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**Caladium**

**Nickname: Elephant Ears**

## WATERING

Keep the soil consistently moist (but not soggy) during the growing season. Check regularly as the bulb can drink a lot of water.

## FERTILIZE

Fertilize during the growing season (Spring and Summer) with a high nitrogen fertilizer bi-weekly.

## SOIL TYPE

Peat based potting mix for best moisture retention.

## AIR

These heat loving plants need a very warm and humid environment to thrive. A solarium or bathroom window where the humidity is higher will be best. To raise humidity levels in the air, set the plant on a pebble tray filled with water and mist the leaves occasionally. Keep the plant away from vents or drafts.

## LIGHT

Bright but indirect light. A West or East facing window is ideal where the plant can receive morning or evening sun. Direct midday sunlight on the colorful leaves will cause sun scorch as these naturally grow in the shade of the tropics.

## GROWTH

This plant grows from a bulb and will go dormant after a couple months regardless of providing ideal growing conditions. Once the leaves begin to die back, allow them to fully die before cutting them off. In the dormant period, you can either lift the bulb and store in peat moss or leave it in the soil and suspend watering.