

FICUS CARE GUIDE



Ficus

Ficus elastica

Ficuses are beautiful trees suited for both indoor and outdoor placement. With gorgeous leaves and many varieties, they make a perfect statement plant for a home. While these plants are undeniably attractive, they are also a bit fussy. These trees are best for experienced plant owners.

WATER

Ficus appreciate a fairly consistent watering, at least half to three quarters of the soil should be allowed to dry fully between waterings, and water in a drip tray should be removed to prevent rot.

PLACEMENT AND TEMPERATURE

Ficus prefer temperatures ranging from 60 to 80°F. Temperatures below 60 degrees should be avoided, along with vents and windows, as drafty and cold conditions can cause the leaves to drop. Ficus also dislikes being moved to new areas, so once a good spot has been chosen, it would be best to leave it there.

FERTILIZER

If so desired, ficuses should be fertilized during the beginning of the growing season, or around once monthly throughout the growing season.

LIGHT

Ficus prefers bright indirect light. Direct light should be avoided, as it can cause the leaves to burn and drop from the plant. Additionally, too little light can result in slow plant growth, leaf drop, and yellowing or loss of variegations.

ADDITIONAL CARE

My leaves are dropping!

- Unfortunately, this can be caused by a number of factors. If the leaf drop is towards the bottom and there is new growth present, it is likely nothing to be concerned about unless a great amount of leaves are dropping. Ficus plants respond to stress by dropping leaves, so we advise analyzing the conditions your ficus is in to determine the cause of the stress.

Leaf tips are turning dry and brown.

- This is likely due to a lack of moisture, whether in the soil or in the air.
- Leaves that are heavily browned should be removed, they will not become green again.
- Take care not to remove too many leaves, or else your ficus will not recover.

Brown spots on leaves

- This will either be due to sunscorch, or disease. In either case, remove the damaged leaves. If the spots are small and many, it is more likely to be due to a leaf spot disease.

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