

OLIVE TREE CARE GUIDE



Olive Tree
Olea europaea

WATER

When the top 3 inches of soil are dry, bottom water until the plant does not soak up any more water. Allow excess water to drain before placing it back on its saucer.

SOIL TYPE

Best to use a succulent type soil which has good drainage and dries out quickly.

FERTILIZER

Use liquid fertilizer every two weeks during the growing season (spring-fall).

PRUNING

To maintain the tree in a pot as a houseplant, trim the growing tips periodically to encourage a more compact growth habit. A second pruning technique is to prune out some of the middle branches to ensure the center foliage receives adequate light.

LIGHT

This tree will thrive with at least 6 hours of sunlight daily in a south facing window.

AIR

Because olive trees are from the Mediterranean, they enjoy dry air and will not need supplemental humidity in the home.

GROWTH

The tree may take years before it reaches a mature enough size to produce fruit.

TRANSITIONING TO OUTDOORS

During the warmer months of the year, you can transition the olive tree to the outdoors to encourage growth. The first week of transition, place the plant outside for an hour on an overcast day. The next day, you can leave it for 2 hours. Continue this doubling pattern until you reach 8 hours at a time.