

Basic Care Instructions

For the Majority of Orchid Plants

- Place orchids in a place where there is bright light, but not in direct sunlight!
- Make sure there is good air movement around the plant near an oscillating fan or an open window.
- Humidity around the plant is important. Placing your orchid in the bathroom can be an ideal place since there's usually a window to let in light and a hot shower once a day provides excellent humidity. Having a fish bowl near your plant or using humidity trays, humidifiers and fountains work just as well.
- Most orchids can handle temperatures ranging from 70's-80's during the daytime and a low in the 40's at night.
- Orchids like to be in tight pots and let their roots travel. An easy way to
 determine if you plant needs to be re-potted is using the "squeeze test". If
 you squeeze the pot and there is still room to squeeze, don't re-pot. Wait
 until the roots fully fill the pot and then re-pot in a slightly larger pot. Use
 media that drains well like orchid bark, wood chips, and cinder or even
 fancy fish tank pebbles.
- Water your orchid when the media in the pot is dry and your pot feels light when lifted. Usually a twice a week watering is sufficient. Water heavily only in the mornings and make sure the plant gets good air movement after.
- We use a fertilizer mix that contains a slow releasing nutricote formula with micronutrients. You may be able to find suitable fertilizers for your orchids at your local gardening shops.

Should you need more information or have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you!

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