

'Weeping Fig'

Ficus benjamina

Weeping fig is one of the most popular indoor trees for good reason. Its branches droop downward from woody stems, covered with glossy, pointed leaves. Growers sometimes braid its trunks for a decorative topiary look. This is a plant that doesn't like change. Place your ficus in bright, indirect light and leave it there. It's known to drop its leaves when moved around. Keep it away from drafts. Blasts of hot or cold air from doorways or vents will also cause leaf drop. If this happens, don't worry. With good care it will grow new leaves in spring and summer.

Sunlight: Bright light.

Water: Water thoroughly, then allow to dry out slightly between waterings. Will not tolerate soggy soil. Keep soil slightly drier in winter, when light levels are lower.

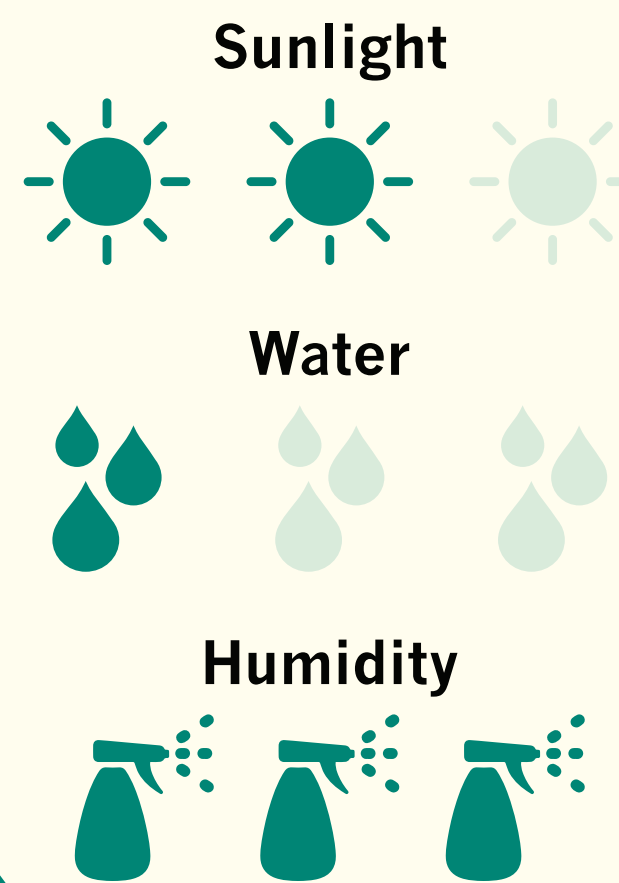
Humidity: Moderate – high. Mist frequently to maintain good humidity, especially in centrally heated homes.

Temperature: Average room temperatures 60-75°F, 16-24°C.

Feed: Feed once a month spring through autumn with a balanced liquid fertilizer.

Repotting: In spring before new growth begins. This plant is slow growing so only needs repotting every 3 - 4 years. Use houseplant compost.

Top Tip: Expect your Ficus to drop quite a few leaves in early autumn. Ficus trees are slow-growing, but can reach up to 10 ft . Prune tall branches to control the plant's height.



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