

Cacti and Succulents

Cacti and succulents are easy to grow and vary widely in size and shape. There are hundreds of different kinds of desert cacti, all of which are succulents. A cactus is distinguishable from succulents by the small sunken or raised spots from which spines emerge. All cacti and succulents love to bask in the sun. A south-facing window is ideal. Many of them will flower if given enough sunshine, although some types of cactus will bloom only when they are a few years old.

Sunlight: At least 2-3 hours of full sun a day.

Water: Water regularly spring through autumn while plant is growing, sparingly in winter. Be careful not to drench the soil. Cactus is likely to rot if its roots become soaking wet.

Humidity: Average to dry air.

Temperature: Average room temperatures 65-75°F/18-24°C. In winter, a cooler place to rest - 50-60°F/10-16°C at night is ideal.

Feed: Use cactus fertilizer. It needs less nitrogen than foliage plants.

Repotting: In late spring/early summer. Some plants grow off sets at the base. Cut off, dry out and keep on a moist, sandy potting mixture. Keep in a warm, bright place for the first month.

Top Tip: Tap water is hard on cactus plants and can cause hard water stains. Use distilled or filtered water, or let tap water sit for 24 hours, allowing chemicals to evaporate.

Sunlight



Water



Humidity



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