

HOW TO CARE FOR SANSEVIERA

Sansevieria also known as mother-in-law's tongue or snake plant features stiff, sword-like, broad leaves that can range anywhere from 6-8 inches tall. This favorite houseplant has green leaves with yellow border which requires minimum care and attention. With its air purifying qualities that can eliminate toxins and absorb carbon dioxide while producing oxygen, it has become a perennial home and office decor. If you set it up and maintain it properly, this plant will stay with you for a long time.

Planting Procedure:

Step 1: Repotting the Plant

- A. Select a healthy plant by looking at the color of the leaves. Dark leaves means it is healthy while yellowish tips of the leaves or floppy leaves may indicate that the plant is dying.
- B. Choose a well-draining pot usually a terra cotta pot or other porous materials such as timber and paper pulp. Sansevieria plant is vulnerable to root rot if water isn't drained properly.
- C. Choose a free-draining soil mix for good drainage which can be purchased at garden centers or use a soilless potting mixture composed of peat moss, perlite or vermiculite.
- D. Remove sansevieria plant from the original pot and transfer it to the new pot. Be careful not to separate the leaves from the roots.
- E. Add enough soil to cover the roots, support the plant and keep it upright.



Step 2: Create a Suitable Environment

- A. ~~Choose~~ a spot that can receive indirect sunlight.
- B. Maintain temperature range between 13-29°C for optimum growth.
- C. Keep pets and babies away from the plant as it contains low level of toxicity that can induce nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea if accidentally ingested.



Step 3: Maintaining Sansevieria

A. Sansevieria plants don't require frequent watering. Water it only when the soil is completely dry by sticking your finger into the soil to see if it is still moist or not.

B. Add basic fertilizer during spring and summer season. Do it every few weeks or every other watering. Never add fertilizer during winter season.

C. Rotate the pot about a quarter turn whenever you water the plant for even light exposure. This is to ensure that all of the leaves are given proper light exposure and encourage vertical growth.

D. Keep trimming to a minimum as pruning the plants does not promote growth.

E. Watch out for pests that may damage the leaves of sansevieria. You may use warm water and cloth to wash the leaves or drop a little amount alcohol onto the bugs to remove them.

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