

HOW TO GROW ANTHURIUM PLANTS

Anthurium is native to the tropical rainforests of Central and South America and the Caribbean. It is also called flamingo flowers that come in bright red, green and white colors. These flowers can bloom for long periods making them a prime choice as indoor plants regardless of seasons. They have distinctive glossy heart-shaped waxy spathes and yellow or red flower spikes. Despite specific requirements for temperature and humidity, it is surprisingly relatively hardy plant and easy to care for indoors. With proper care, it typically lives for about 5 years indoors and even longer. Like most indoor plants, it is toxic to humans and pets.

Planting Procedure:

- A. Prepare a soil mix preferably a coarse, well-draining soil. You may try a mixture of equal parts perlite, peat moss, and pine bark. You may also choose to combine 3 parts potting mix with 1 part coarse material such as orchid bark or lava rock.
- B. Place anthurium in a pot containing 1/3 full of the prepared soil mix. The roots of the plant will continue to grow above the potting material, so this will delay the need to transplant the anthurium to a larger pot.
- C. Place the pot in a location that is warm with indirect sun. The preferred daytime temperature is between 27-32°C. If the plant is exposed to direct sunlight, it may burn the plant.
- D. Maintain room humidity level at 80% or higher. You may place the pot in shallow tray of pebbles in water to achieve required humidity level. Use a spray bottle to mist the plant daily or weekly depending on the climate.



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E. Maintain the moisture of the soil and prevent it from drying out. On the other hand, if you see some yellow leaves then it may be a sign of overwatering.

F. Anthurium plants are known climbers, so better prop them with a stake to prevent them from falling.

G. Fertilize anthurium plants sparingly. Newly planted anthurium plants do not need fertilizer for at least a few months.

H. Move the plant to a larger container if necessary. Once the roots appear above the surface of the soil, cut the stem with a clean, sharp knife at the base of the soil mixture. Transfer the plant with stem into the new container pot with only 1/3 full of soil, so the stem is below the rim of the pot.

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