

Care Guide for Kalanchoe

Scientific name: *Kalanchoe blossfeldiana*

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Watering

Frequency: Water when the top 1-2 inches of soil are dry, usually every 1-2 weeks.

Amount: Water thoroughly until excess water drains out the bottom, then allow to dry before watering again.

Seasonal Notes: Water less frequently in the winter when growth is slower.

Light Requirements

Ideal: Bright, direct sunlight for 6-8 hours per day.

Tolerates: Can tolerate partial shade but may become leggy.

Temperature & Humidity

Optimal: 65-85°F (18-29°C)

Minimum: 50°F (10°C)

Humidity: Moderate humidity around 40-50%.

Soil Requirements

Type: Well-draining succulent or cactus soil mix.

PH: Slightly acidic to neutral, around 6.0-7.0.

Drainage: Excellent drainage is essential to prevent root rot.

Fertilizing

Schedule: Fertilize every 2-3 months during the growing season with a balanced, water-soluble fertilizer diluted to half strength.

Type: Use a fertilizer formulated for succulents or cacti.

Maintenance

Pruning: Prune off spent flower heads and any damaged or dead leaves to maintain a tidy appearance.

Repotting: Repot in the spring every 2-3 years, or when the plant becomes rootbound.

🌿 Common Problems & Solutions

Problem: Leaves turning yellow or dropping

Solution: Caused by overwatering, low light, or too much direct sun. Adjust watering and light levels accordingly.

Problem: Powdery mildew or fungal diseases

Solution: Improve air circulation, reduce humidity, and treat with a fungicide if necessary.

Problem: Pests like mealybugs or scale insects

Solution: Wipe leaves with a damp cloth, use insecticidal soap, or introduce beneficial insects like ladybugs.

🌿 Pro Tips

- Kalanchoe are drought-tolerant and prefer to be on the drier side.
- Provide plenty of sunlight to encourage compact, bushy growth and abundant flowering.
- Propagate by taking leaf or stem cuttings and allowing them to callus before planting in well-draining soil.
- Deadhead spent flowers to encourage more blooms.