

ARECACEAE



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Arecaceae, commonly known as the palm family, consists of woody plants that typically have an unbranched, upright trunk topped with large fan-shaped or feather-like leaves. Often referred to as the “princesses of the plant world,” palms are universal symbols of coastlines, luxury, and leisure.



Palms are native to tropical and subtropical regions around the world. The majority originate from Southeast Asia, the Caribbean, Central and South America, and the warmer regions of Africa. However, there are also species such as *Chamaerops humilis* that are native to the Mediterranean basin. Thanks to their resilience, palms have become dominant plants along temperate coastal regions worldwide.

Cultivation and Uses

Palms generally prefer full sunlight and well-drained, sandy soils. Although requirements vary by species, most palms become quite drought-tolerant once established. They require ample watering during the planting and establishment phase. Some species (such as *Washingtonia*) are resistant to cold and frost, while others require strictly tropical temperatures.



In landscaping, palms are commonly used to create prestigious entrance avenues, poolside settings, and wide boulevards. Tall species define the skyline, while dwarf species add an exotic texture to the lower layers of gardens. Their maintenance generally consists only of pruning dried or dead leaves. In addition, thanks to their flexible trunks, palms are among the most storm- and hurricane-resistant tree forms.