

# Bonsai care bonsai tree care a practical beginners guide to bonsai gardening

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**How do you take care of a bonsai tree for beginners?** Bonsai tree care Bonsai trees are planted in small pots with minimal space for water and nutrient reserves. That means you need to water and fertilize your tree regularly. Make sure your Bonsai gets plenty of light, water, and fertilize when needed and your tree is sure to thrive!

**What is the best bonsai tree for beginners indoors?** The weeping fig is a great choice for beginners who want to keep a bonsai tree indoors. It's also pretty resilient and can tolerate those who might have some trouble remembering to water them consistently. "Unlike some other bonsai species, the weeping fig can thrive indoors with proper care," says Brandt.

**Where should I place my bonsai tree at home?** Indoor bonsai trees are from tropical and subtropical regions and therefore need plenty of warmth, light and humidity, so position your tree in a well-lit spot but out of direct sunlight, in a naturally humid room such as a kitchen or a bathroom.

**Are indoor bonsai trees hard to take care of?** Though Bonsai trees are more delicate than the average indoor plant, a few basic rules should enable anyone to take care of their tree properly. Pay particular attention to where you place it and how to water it properly. In this section of our website we explain the basic and advanced Bonsai care techniques.

**Can I water my bonsai with tap water?** If you keep your Bonsai indoors, you can place your tree in your kitchen sink and water the tree thoroughly, before placing it

back. The best water you can use is rainwater because it doesn't contain any added chemicals, but when this is not readily available there is no problem in using normal tap water.

**What should you not do with a bonsai tree?** The most important rule is, never water on a routine. Ignore the label attached to your Bonsai tree which states you need to water every x amount of days. The best practice is to monitor your tree and its soil, and only water when it's needed. Please read the Watering and Fertilizing pages for detailed information.

**What is the secret to growing bonsai trees?** Besides watering, placement and repotting, fertilization is another important thing to keep in mind. Small pots with little space limit water and nutrient retention. Fertilizing regularly in the tree's growing season is key to make sure your tree stays healthy and thrives.

**How often should I water a bonsai?** Check your bonsai morning and evening to see if it needs watering. If the soil looks dark and feels wet then it will not require watering. Only when the soil looks light brown and feels BARELY damp will your bonsai require more water.

**Can you put bonsai inside the house?** They do not like extremely dry or arid conditions, and they want lots of sun. Tropical Bonsai may be kept on a sunny windowsill year-round. During the summer they love to be outside, but they will also do well indoors. The air inside the house is very dry, so the use of a pebble tray or frequent misting is important.

**What to do when bonsai leaves falling off?** If too little water is poured in midsummer, a bonsai plant can wilt after only a few hours on windy days outdoors. In many cases the leaves dry very quickly and fall off. Water the bonsai moderately in the next few weeks. If the tree is still alive, it will often recover again.

**Do bonsai like full sun?** Light intensity: Bonsai trees require bright, indirect sunlight to grow and develop properly. However, they can be sensitive to direct sunlight, especially during the hottest part of the day. Too much direct sunlight can cause the leaves to scorch and turn brown.

**Do indoor Bonsai trees attract bugs?** Just as children can catch a cold, your bonsai can get an insect infestation or a disease. A strong, healthy tree is less likely to be attacked by fungus, disease and pests.

**What is the easiest indoor Bonsai tree for beginners?** Ficus Bonsai - The Easiest Bonsai for both Indoor and Outdoor. The Ficus bonsai is the bonsai we recommend for beginners that are new to bonsai and do not have the time for regular waterings. Since the ficus is so resilient to underwatering, it makes it ideal for those that want a low maintenance tree.

**Why is my indoor Bonsai dying?** A bonsai tree can be sick due to various factors like damaged roots, root rot, over-watering or under-watering, sudden drop in temperature, pests, disease, overfeeding, infested soil and drought.

**Should I submerge my bonsai tree?** Immersion The level of water should be just above the surface of the soil. Leave the bonsai submerged for five minutes until the bubbles stop. We will dip bonsai in a container with water for five minutes, until we no longer see air bubbles. The water level must exceed the surface of the soil.

**Why are the leaves turning yellow on my bonsai?** Water that is hard or hard water will cause yellowing of the leaves. It will also cause the plant to lose its natural colour, as seen in the leaves. The first step should constantly be changing the type of water used to water the plant. This can change the colour of the leaves back to their natural green shade.

**Is bottled water good for bonsai?** The tap water is loaded with minerals and chemicals that can kill your bonsai plant. That's why you must use purified water that contains no chlorine or other chemicals. You can buy bottled water at your local grocery store, or you can collect rainwater in a rain barrel.

**When to repot a bonsai?** When to repot? The best time to repot a Bonsai is early in the spring, while trees are still dormant, and the buds begin to swell. At this stage trees are not sustaining full-grown foliage, so the damaging effect of repotting will be minimized.

**How do I keep my bonsai tree happy?** Keep it moist but don't overwater. Castro also recommends misting your tree daily. While sufficient watering is key for a

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**Can you use Miracle-Gro on Bonsai trees?** Miracle Gro, a popular product familiar to many, is one example of a fertilizer designed to be applied in liquid form. Liquid products, including those formulated specifically for bonsai, enjoy popularity among hobbyists for feeding trees.

**What is the disadvantage of bonsai tree?**

**What is the fastest growing plant to Bonsai?** One effective way to make your bonsai grow faster is to choose a fast-growing tree species. You can select Chinese junipers, Japanese black pines, boxwood shrubs, jade plants, snowdrop trees, or maple trees, as these species can develop their roots, trunk and branches more quickly.

**Why are bonsai trees so difficult?** Pruning is what makes bonsai care challenging. Your bonsai will need pruning once a quarter to ensure growth and optimal health. Use bonsai clippers to remove dead branches and shape the leaf structure, but avoid using regular scissors.

**How do you encourage a Bonsai to grow?** You can prune your Bonsai aggressively for this purpose. This kind of severe pruning will stimulate back-budding deep inside the tree. These new buds will then develop into branches. You have the chance of picking new shoots to grow new branches positioned deep within the tree.

**How do you keep a bonsai tree alive indoors?**

**How often do you water a bonsai tree?** Pot size affects how much water the bonsai tree needs. You are aiming to keep the soil evening moist all of the time. It's okay if the soil dries out a little bit between waterings but do not let it dry out completely. In hot, summer weather, it's likely that you'll need to water it every day.

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**Can I leave my bonsai without water for a week?** If you forget to water your Bonsai and the soil dries out completely, the roots will quickly dry out and the tree will die. You'll know your roots are drying out when the soil is completely dry and the leaves start to wither and fall off, or if you have an evergreen, its foliage will slowly turn yellow.

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**Can I put my bonsai tree outside?** All Bonsai love to be outside in the warmer months (May-September), though there are many species which can be kept indoors year-round. Remember that the more sunlight and warmth your Bonsai receives, the more often it will need water. Watering: Proper watering is essential to the health of your tree.

**Should I spray my bonsai with water?** Bonsai living in homes do not receive rain water nor dew and leaves are covered with dust. It is important to clean the leaves that are exposed to dust and to vitalize the trees that live in dry environments, spraying the leaves from time to time.

**What does an overwatered bonsai tree look like?** If the tips to the leaves on your bonsai go soft and black/brown this can indicate one of two problems: Your bonsai is suffering from over-watering.

**Should you water bonsai from top or bottom?** The bonsai are watered from above first, so that the humidity opens the pores of the soil. After a few minutes they are thoroughly watered again, until the water comes out of the drainage holes. The tray that accompanies the indoor bonsai is used so that excess water does not drip on the furniture.

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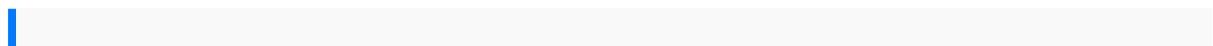
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**Where to position a bonsai?** During winter place your bonsai in the brightest place possible, trying to avoid hot objects like radiators and televisions. In summer time beware of hot south facing windows, a little sunlight morning or evening is beneficial, but too much and your bonsai could over heat.

**Can you regrow dead bonsai?**

**How do I get my bonsai to grow new branches?** Defoliation. Defoliation is a technique that involves removing leaves from the bonsai tree to encourage new growth. This process helps redirect the energy of the plant into producing new branches and foliage just like pruning branches does. It can also help improve the branching pattern of a tree.

**What is the best fertilizer for bonsai?** Using a high Phosphorous fertilizer like NPK 6:10:6 can help promote the flowering growth of a Bonsai tree. Using a fertilizer with a slightly lower Nitrogen content or reducing the amount of fertilizer used can be advantageous for older or more mature Bonsai.



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