



The Cactus Collection

2015 Succulent Catalog

Echeveria 'Imbricata' variegata

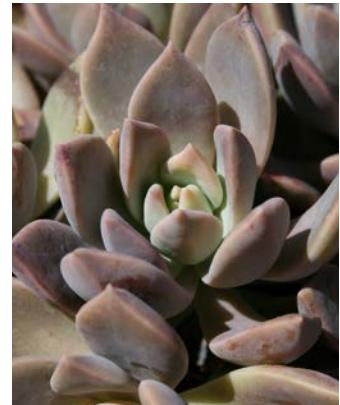
About The Cactus Collection



Altman Plants is the largest supplier of cacti and succulents in the US, with over 1700 acres of growing grounds in six states. In addition to cacti and succulents, we grow annual and perennial color, ornamental grasses, herbs and vegetables, and specialty items.

We supply programs to a wide range of retailers, with a distribution system that covers the United States, and offer expertise in growing plants from cactus to herbs, from grasses to perennials, and more.

Access our Cactus & Succulent catalog and more plant information on our website: AltmanPlants.com.



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Cacti & Succulents from The Cactus Collection



Succulents include all plants that store water. They usually can be watered infrequently, the water will cause the skin to swell, and will gradually contract and shrivel as the water level inside the plant decreases over time. Succulents other than cacti are native to all continents except Antarctica.



All **Cacti** are succulents, but not all succulents are cacti. Simply put, what separates cacti from succulents are the organs that produce the spines, and some other characteristics specific to fruit formation, differences between dicots and monocots and a few other differing characteristics. Cacti are native to the United States, mostly in the southwestern states, Mexico, Central and South America and a few species are native to Haiti, and other islands. They are grown for their spectacular flowers and plant shapes.



Cactus and Succulent Care Information

Cacti and Succulents need bright lighting conditions, but not scorching sun. They need to be watered thoroughly when the top inch of soil is dry to the touch. Allow water to flush through the soil. The following contains detailed information on how to guarantee the success of your cacti and succulents.



Light

Indoors - Give cacti and succulents the brightest light or sunniest window that you can provide. Most cacti and succulents are not happy in shady corners or north-facing windows as they need at least four to six hours of strong light daily if they are grown indoors. Plants with inadequate light may stretch (skinny growth).

Outdoors - Some cacti and succulents can tolerate full sun. However, it is important to realize that during the hottest days of summer, when the solar radiation exceeds 11,000 foot candles, all plants would welcome some respite from the harsh afternoon sun. Many cacti and succulents prefer to be positioned in an area that receives morning sun, and is protected from the stronger afternoon rays. Some cacti can even sunburn, as in the case of the spineless or naked cacti, unless given some shade in the hottest part of the day. Reddish discoloration, either in part or on the entire plant, is usually the result of overly strong solar radiation. Remember that most cacti and succulents receive shading from grasses, shrubs or trees in their natural habitat, especially when they are young.



Water

The general "Rule of Thumb" is: "When you water, water well." However, with succulent plants you must be careful to make sure the plant needs water. Feel the soil at least one inch down and if the soil is dry it is time to water the plant. Let the water thoroughly drain through the roots and out the bottom, making sure the entire pot of soil is saturated. Drain thoroughly; never let plants sit in water. Top dressings, such as small pebbles or coarse gravel, offer quicker water penetration, slower water evaporation, elimination of a crust on the top of the soil, and a neat, attractive appearance. When plants are vigorously growing and blooming, they will need more water. During their non-growing or resting stage, usually in cold winter weather, they will need very little water.



Soil + Fertilizer

For practically all intents and purposes, any good cactus and succulent mix, prepared and bagged, and available in many nurseries and garden shops can be used for your cacti and succulents.

Most succulents and cacti are benefited by the addition of diluted liquid fertilizer added to the water every second or third watering during their growing season. Any standard houseplant fertilizer with balanced amounts of nitrogen, phosphorous and potash (20-20-20) can be used. It is also convenient to use one of the slow release granular fertilizers. To induce bloom and improve flower size, a fertilizer with low nitrogen and high phosphorous content can be used. Always dilute more than the stated instructions advise, as recommended dosage is too strong for these plants. One caution! If your plants are growing too lushly and/or are losing their characteristic shape, this may be the result of over-fertilizing. As a rule, it is safer to under-fertilize than over-fertilize. We do not recommend fertilizing Mesembs or Stapeliads.

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Temperature

In the winter time, keep your cacti and succulents in temperatures above freezing. They will go dormant and manage just fine in night time temperatures of 35° to 40°F.

Your more tropical succulents like Adeniums, Euphorbias, Epiphyllums, Rhipsalis, Stapeliads, and Zygocactus prefer warmer night time temperatures of between 50° and 60°F. However, if you harden them off by watering less in the fall, they will tolerate temperatures in the mid-thirties.

Other less tropical succulents, like many cacti, Sempervivums, Sedums and Agaves can tolerate lower night time temperatures into the mid-twenties (or less) when they have been gradually acclimated to cold weather.

In the summer, protect your cacti and succulents from extreme heat. If temperatures reach over 100°F, be sure to shade your plants and provide air circulation. When it is both humid and hot, it is particularly important to have good air circulation and careful watering to avoid fungus and rot problems.

Transplanting

Your newly acquired plants are established in their present pots, but their root systems have not used all of the space in their pots. They should live and grow in these same pots for at least another few months to a year before re-potting will be necessary. When transplanting, choose one pot size larger. Excess soil in too large a pot may cause soil to sour before roots can grow into and utilize it. Gently tap the plant out of its present pot. Gently brush or scrape away some of the old soil around the root ball, taking care not to disturb the center of the root ball or to break roots. Put some soil mix in the new pot and place the plant on top. Gently fill in around the sides; keep the plant at the same level as it was in the old pot. Let the plant stay dry a few days. This precaution will allow any roots that are damaged or broken during the transplanting process to heal and callous over before watering, avoiding rot of broken roots.

Tip: For handling and transplanting smaller plants, thin rubber gloves can be used to protect the fingers. Tongs also work well. Larger plants can be handled with a short section of hose wrapped around the plant, or even a rolled newspaper can be used.

Common Issues

When plants aren't getting enough light, they tend to stretch toward the light source, which can lead to a leggy, unattractive plant.

Not watering often enough will cause the roots to collapse and they will be unable to take up water when present. Over-watering can cause the roots to rot, thus killing the plants. If the base of the plant should become mushy, this indicates rot and the plant cannot be saved.

Visit AltmanPlants.com for more information on
Cactus and Succulent care.

Types of Cacti and Succulents



Aeoniums grow during the winter and spring seasons. Water adequately during this time of year. Some Aeoniums thrive in full sun or bright light, but a few are very small and will appreciate filtered light.



Echeveria have succulent leaves that grow like petals of a rose. Colors vary from ruby-glow black, grass-green, icy blues, frosty violets or nearly iridescent pastels. Echeveria are drought tolerant succulent plants.



Sempervivum form clusters of geometric rosettes, some with interlaced silken hairs with the appearance of cobwebs. These plants are cold and drought tolerant.



Jade are members of the *Crassula* family. Many varieties of Jade exist, including Mini Jade with its tight, compact leaves; 'Hobbit' and 'Gollum' or "Fingers" Jade, with their elongated, tube-like leaves; Ruby' Jade with its red-edged leaves and 'Sunset' Jade, with its yellow tricolor leaves. Pink Jade is a variety that has a sought-after rosy pink flower that blooms in November and December.



Haworthia are named after the British botanist Adrian Hardy Haworth and are natives to South Africa. These slow-growing succulents are drought tolerant and are especially suitable for indoor plantings.

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Hairy Men Cacti – Botanists suppose that the modified spines that look like hairs have grown to create more shade for the plant, and to create surface area for moisture to collect.



Euphorbia are the African continent's Old World version of cacti. Though they resemble cacti, Euphorbias are succulents that come in a multitude of shapes. They have a white, sticky, caustic sap.



Prickly Pear are *Opuntia* cacti with paddles, sometimes known as beaver-tail cactus and some varieties are considered a food source by indigenous cultures.



Grafted "Moon" Cactus are two plants grafted together. The upper, colorful cacti are born without chlorophyll, they are not green like other plants but can occur in hues of orange, yellow, pink, purple, bright ruby red or multicolored. This portion is grafted to a green *Hylocereus* species to provide the needed chlorophyll for photosynthesis.



Aloe are native to Africa and come in all sorts of colors and can grow from 2 inches to 5 feet tall. The graceful spikes of orange or reddish tubular flowers are a special treat for hummingbirds. Includes *Aloe vera*, known for its healing properties.

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Mimicry plants, So named for their ability to mimic other items in nature like stones and pebbles, these succulents would be found nearly buried with the items that they are imitating as a method of survival.



String of Hearts, String of Pearls and Burro's Tails are favorite hanging succulents



Crested Cactus are cacti that are rare freaks of nature that occur when the growing tip multiplies and the stem begins to "go crazy", forming undulating "fan" shapes that can give the appearance of "brains".



Monster Cactus (Montrose varieties) are sometimes confused with "crested cacti" but differ in that the stem does not form fan shapes; rather the stem seems to "sprout" many new growing tips, resulting in a "bizarre" appearance.



Jungle Cactus, unlike their desert cousins, they live as epiphytes (hang on to something, not feed off of it like parasites) high in the trees of steamy jungles.

Visit AltmanPlants.com for more information on
Cactus and Succulent varieties.

Variety Specific Labeling

In today's market, information is critical in helping both everyday consumers and collectors make an informed purchase, which will reduce returns due to misconceptions of care needs and growth habits.

Through our variety specific tagging of each plant, and the information provided on our website (www.altmanplants.com), customers are able to understand the unique care requirements and growth characteristics of each plant.



These variety specific stickers ensure that the information stay with the plants and do not litter the floor of the garden center.

Protect your Fingers!

2.5", 9cm, and 5" cacti come with clear handles securely attached to the pots, as pictured.



Cactus & Succulent Breeding Division

Altman Plants Cactus and Succulent Breeding Division has a dedicated staff of the world's most renowned cactus and succulent breeders.

Our Cactus and Succulent Breeding Division's world-recognized hybrids have kept the Altman Plants Collection at the top of the industry with colors, textures, hardiness and consumer choice and durability.

No other cacti and succulent supplier has the quantity of quality introductions each year as Altman Plants.



Echeveria 'Imbricata' variegata



Aeonium 'Mardi Gras'
USPP 21407



Echeveria 'Cubic Frost' PPAF

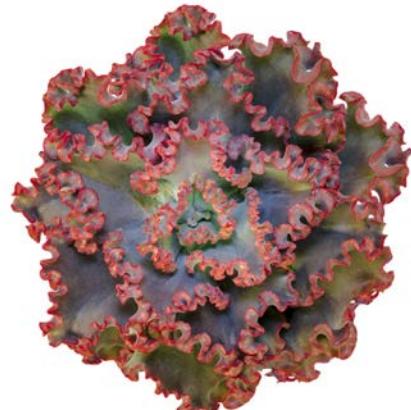
Our recent succulent introductions have been featured in San Diego Home and Garden Magazine, Greenhouse Grower Magazine, and GPN Magazine.



Aloe 'Pink Blush'



Echeveria 'Neon Breakers' USPP



Echeveria 'Crimson Tide'

2.5" and 9cm Assorted Cacti and Succulents Trays



2.5" Succulents, Assorted
#010315 32 Pieces/Tray



9cm Succulents, Assorted
#010444 18 Piece/Tray



2.5" Cacti, Assorted
#010301 32 Pieces/Tray



9cm Cacti, Assorted
#010401 18 Pieces/Tray



2.5" Cacti with Strawflower, Assorted
#010396 32 Pieces/Tray



9cm Cacti with Straw flower, Assorted
#010996 18 Pieces/Tray



2.5" Grafted Cacti, Assorted
#010308 32 Pieces/Tray



2.5" Mimicry, Assorted
#010306 32 Pieces/Tray

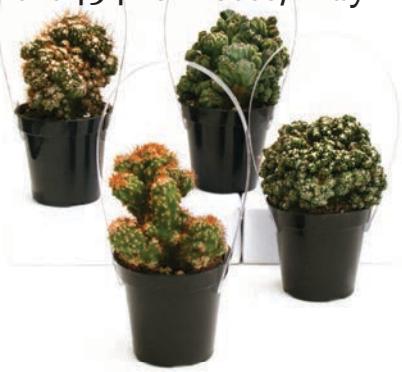
9cm Cactus and Succulent Collection Trays



9cm Echeveria Collection
#010454 18 Pieces/Tray



9cm Crested Collection
#010438 18 Pieces/Tray



9cm Monster Cactus
#010508 18 Pieces/Tray



9cm Jade
#010413 18 Pieces/Tray



9cm Hairy Men Cacti Collection
#010507 18 Pieces/Tray



9cm Aloe Collection
#010495 UPC 18 Pieces/Tray



9cm Aloe vera
#010412 18 Pieces/Tray



9cm Hanging Succulents
#010910 18 Pieces/Tray

5"-8" Cacti and Succulents



5" Cacti & Succulents
#010600 8 Pieces/Tray



6" Succulent Hanging Basket
#010614



7" Jade Cache
#0108900



8" Cacti & Succulents
#010800

Group 2 Succulent Gardens



3" Hobnail
#0100210



Olive Green (pictured)



Pearl



Cranberry



2.5" Concrete Round
#0100262



2.5" Concrete Square
#0100263



5" Round Terra Cotta
Cacti #0100228
Succulents #0100229



Apple Planter
#0100265



Dimples
#0100222

- Green (Pictured)
- Purple
- Turquoise

Group 3 Succulent Gardens



3.5" Buttons
#0100324

- Blue (Pictured)
- Orange
- Red



Strawberry Basket
#0100336



3.5" Clay with Beaded Rim
#0100321



Pie Crust
#0100310



Icon Planter
#0100311



Asian Bath Terra Cotta Sm
Cacti #0100303
Succulents #0100304

Group 4 Succulent Gardens



5.5” Charcoal Square*
#0100455

- Charcoal (Pictured)
- Onyx #0100457
- Cobalt #0100462



5.5” Onyx Round *
#0100456

- Charcoal #0100454
- Onyx (Pictured)
- Cobalt #0100461



5” Floral Vine*
#0100466



3.5” Pinched Edge
#0100471



5” Cube
#0100468

- Chartreuse (Pictured)
- Acai



Horizons Medium
#0100436

- Grey / White (Pictured)
- Red / White
- Green / White

*Also available in 7.5" (See Pages 18/19)

Group 4 Succulent Gardens



5" Low Earth Tone
#0173055



Garden Pig
#0100478



5" Aged Clay
#0100479



5" Watering Can
#0100463



Whitewashed Wooden Box
#0100482



5" Zinc Planter
#0100481

Group 5 Succulent Gardens



5" Geo Squares
#0100539



Artifact Garden
#0100507



Sphere, Hammered Finish
#0100543

- Turquoise (Pictured)
- Rust
- Yellow



Asian Bath Terra Cotta Med.
Cacti #100504
Succulents #0100505

- Glazed Cobalt #0100561
- Glazed Onyx #0100562
- Glazed Charcoal #0100563



7" Round Terra Cotta
Cacti #0100476
Succulents #0100477



7" Half Jug Terra Cotta
#0100513

- Glazed Cobalt #0100560
- Glazed Onyx #0100566
- Glazed Charcoal #0100567

Group 6 Succulent Gardens



2-Tone Earthen Round
#0100653



7" Soap Stone Mesh
#0100822



7.5" Floral Vine
#0100824



5" Tidepool Vase
#0100867



7.5" Wood Box
#0100826



Clay Swirl Sphere
#0100735 (Group 7)

Group 6 Succulent Gardens



7.5" Cobalt Square*
Cacti #0100641
Succulents #0100642



7.5" Onyx Square*
Cacti #0100660
Succulents #0100661



7.5" Charcoal Square*
Cacti #0100666
Succulents #0100667



7.5" Cobalt Round*
Cacti #0100648
Succulents #0100649



7.5" Onyx Round*
Cacti #0100648
Succulents #0100649



7.5" Charcoal Round*
Cacti #0100670
Succulents #0100668

*Also available in Terra Cotta
Round Succulents #0100644
Square Succulents #0100642
Round Cacti #0100643
Square Cacti #0100641

'Ready To Use' (RTU) Containers



10" Leonardo
#0100822



10" Low Tuscan
#0101370



10" TVI Tapered Bowl
#0101507



12" Succulent Bowl
#011202



13" Casetlla Round
#0101383



15" Castella Oval
#010383

'Ready To Use' (RTU) Containers



8" Bella Cache, Chocolate
#0101406



10" Cache Succulents
#0100930

Landscape Cacti & Succulents

Available in Quart, 5", 8" ,10", 14", 1-Gallon, and 2-Gallon grower pots
Contact us for available varieties



Quart Cacti & Succulents
#0213000 8 Pieces/Tray



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1 Gallon Cacti & Succulents
#0111000 6 Pieces/Tray



2 Gallon Cacti & Succulents
#0121000

Adenium obesum 'Desert Rose'

Native to Africa and the Arabian Peninsula, the Desert Rose is both drought tolerant and beautiful. This exotic plant grows 3-feet tall and forms a thick caudex with multiple branches and showy blossoms of reds, pinks, and whites. These hybrids can bloom 11 to 12 months of the year under the right conditions.



6" Adenium obesum 'Desert Rose'
#0100102

8" Adenium obesum 'Desert Rose'
#0100103

Carnivorous Plants

Fun to Grow and a great gift for all ages!



Cobra Lily Sarracenia
#0300034



Venus Fly Trap Dionaea muscipula
#030103



The Cactus Collection In-Store Displays

The Cactus Collection racks are configured for half pallet or full pallet in-store displays. Mix and Match all items for building your own display.

