

Don't let this care sheet fool you... Air Plants are easy to grow!

Light: Air plants should be kept where they'll receive bright, indirect sunlight or under fluorescent home/office lighting.

Water: Air plants live on air, right? Uh, not right! While air plants don't grow in soil, they definitely NEED to be watered. While the plants can survive for long periods of drought, they will not grow. Follow the directions below for watering your plants on a regular basis and they will stay alive and well for quite some time. The good news is that since these plants are very forgiving, you shouldn't stress over their care schedule. There's certainly no need to get a babysitter when you go on vacation!

How do I water air plants?

As a main method of watering your plants, we recommend giving them a thorough rinsing under running water or letting them soak in a bowl of water for 20-30 minutes. After their bath, gently shake the plants to remove any excess water and set out to dry. If your plants need an in-between watering, misting them with a spray bottle is a great method. Your plants should be watered once per week, and 2-3 times is recommended for optimal care. A longer, 2-hour soak is recommended every 2-3 weeks. . You'll begin to notice that after watering, your plant's leaves will feel stiffer and full of water and they'll be softer and lighter in color when they're in need of water. Wrinkled or rolled leaves can be a sign of dehydration.

Grooming: Everyone needs a little grooming once in a while! It is normal for some of the lower leaves of your tillandsias to dry out as the plant grows or acclimates to a new environment, and those leaves can be gently pulled right off of the plant. If the leaf tips have dried out, you can snip the dried tip off. Don't worry about harming your plants during grooming--they'll regrow.

Blooming: Tillandsias are tropical plants that usually live for several years and will bloom and produce flowers only one time during their lifetime. The flowers are striking and brilliantly colored, and the bloom period will last several days to many months, depending on the species.

Pups: Around a plant's bloom time, they'll produce offshoots, or "pups." You'll notice the pups have a separate and distinct center of their own, distinguishing them from the other leaves. Once the pup reaches at least one-third the size of the parent plant, the pup can be removed by gently pulling it apart from the parent. Hold both the parent and the pup at their bases and gently twist in a downward motion. You can also cut the plants apart using a clean razor blade, slicing as far down the pup stem as possible. Each pup will follow the lifecycle by growing into a parent plant, blooming and producing pups of it's own.

Mounting: Since air plants are very unique in that they do not require soil to grow and thrive, they can be mounted to almost any different surface for display. We recommend using the base of the plant as the mounting area. Adhesives like Liquid Nails or a hot glue gun will work great, as well as fishing line or non-copper wire. When choosing your mounting surface, remember that your plant will still need to be watered, so something waterproof or water-resistant is best.