

Greenery for you and your home



Climbing plants, flowering plants, plants with large or small leaves, with bushy or sparse foliage. Whatever you prefer, the IKEA plant department has something for you.

Our plant department is full of greenery, both living and artificial, to liven up your interior decor at home. And you don't necessarily need green fingers or lots of free time to take care of your plants. Our range also includes easy-care options for busy people!

There are plants for all homes, whether the home has anyone with green fingers living in it or not. If you feel unsure about what to buy, make sure to check our care instructions or ask your IKEA store for advice. The care instructions will help you find the right plant for your home and better understand what the plant needs to truly thrive.

Care instructions

- Placement in terms of light needs.
- Placement in terms of temperature.
- Watering – sparingly, thoroughly or often.



Placement in terms of light needs

Different plants like different conditions – with more or less light to stay lush. Sunlight is a great asset and it can be a good thing to consider if a room has bright sunlight or maybe more shade. Make sure to use the full depth of your home. Further away from windows can be a perfect place for plants that prefer shade and around a 1.5-metre distance from the window is a light area often out of direct sunlight, even when it is a south-facing window. Some rooms might be dry and others like bathrooms tend to be more humid.

Here are a few examples on how placement in your home affects the plant:

1. Living room and bedrooms with windows facing west and most of the daily sunlight. Full sun, high temperature and low humidity – a great placement for plants that prefer a bright and sunny area.
2. Kitchen with windows facing the shady side of the house and east. Bright and less direct sun – making it darker and cooler than the living room. These windows can be the perfect placement for plants that thrive in a light area, out of direct sunlight.
3. Bathroom with windows facing the shady side of the house. Less daylight and high humidity.
4. Outdoor space – bright, direct sun. The outdoor conditions might differ depending on the season and outdoor temperature.
5. Garage with limited sunlight and a cold space in winter. Possibility of high humidity. A place for plants that prefer shade, just be mindful of minimum temperatures. Or select an artificial plant that stays fresh without sunlight and needing water.

Tip: Remove dust every now and then to allow the plant to get as much light as possible. A soft damp cloth can be a great option for broad leaves or spraying a mist of lukewarm water for smaller leaves.



Placement in terms of temperature

A lush green room, balcony or outdoor space can become a calm retreat. You can create your green oasis wherever you live, just use your creativity while staying aware of the minimum recommended temperature for the plants, especially at night, when you take them outdoors. Some may need warm weather and could be damaged in too cold weather. Strong direct sunlight in warm weather may also dry the soil out faster. And if you don't have time for watering, then our artificial range is a great option.



Changing seasons

Consider storing your plant indoors if the outdoor temperature drops below the recommendation for a prolonged period. Make sure the temperature is stable above the recommendation when placing them outdoors again. Plants don't usually like too harsh changes in temperature. If the temperature fluctuates too much, then our artificial range can also be a great option. Artificial greenery will stay fresh-looking, even when the temperature drops or goes up too much and too quickly.

Watering – sparingly, thoroughly or often

Remember that the plant and its placement affect how much you need to water it. The plant may dry out faster in direct sunlight and in a warm area, or it may keep moisture longer in humid or cooler areas with less sunlight. Placement close to heat sources may also quickly dry out soil. In general, many plants need more water in warmer summer times than in colder winter times.

Look for these symbols when choosing your plants:



Water sparingly, allow the growing media to dry out between waterings. It can also stay dry for a few days.



Water thoroughly, allow the growing media to dry out between waterings.



Water often, the plant prefers a slightly moist growing media that should not dry out between waterings.



When watering a plant thoroughly, make sure that the roots of the plant do not sit in lots of water for a prolonged period. This can create root rot for some sensitive plants, so make sure to remove the excess water from the saucer or plant pot to allow the soil to dry out between waterings.

Unsure if the plant needs water? Try the thumb test. Stick your thumb deep into the soil and then pull it up – if the growing media in the pot sticks to your thumb, there is no need to water.

Tip: While watering, take a moment to gently remove dead or wilting leaves and check for signs of uninvited pests or signs of illness. Catching these early can help keep your entire family of lush greenery healthy. If a plant seems to be wilting or is dry, spray it every now and then with fine mist or try moving it to a new spot.



A chance to be creative with the placement

For us at IKEA, plants are a natural part of any interior decor. They add colour, vibrancy and life. There are lots of exciting ways to use plants. Grouping them, for example by putting several plants together on a side table or a cart by the window, creates more impact than spreading them around the room. It's also easier to remember to water them all. Or try putting plants in unexpected places. For spaces that might be hard to reach when watering, artificial plants can be a great option. Use a vertical space to hang plants at different heights in hanging planters or put them on a shelf or plant stand. Create your own green space and dare to be creative.



Unexpected functionality

Plants are not only a joy to look at, but they can be functional as well. Use plants on a balcony or in windows to create your own privacy screen or use larger plants as room dividers. Perfect when you want to create a calm space. Just remember to select a plant that thrives in the sun if the window has lots of direct sunlight.



Stay sharp!

Be careful of sharp spikes/thorns, use gloves to avoid injury. If there are any hidden spikes/thorns, the symbol below will signify this. Most of our plants are only for decoration and not for consumption, but if a plant is edible there will be a symbol showing a fork and knife.

Look for these symbols when choosing your plants:



Hidden thorns.



Edible.



Do not eat.

Living or artificial plant – why not better together!

Both living and artificial plants add a vibrant touch of greenery to a room. Choose what you prefer or what suits your everyday living best. A combination could be a wonderful option! If you love the joy of watching your plants grow, keep them in areas where you can enjoy them and easily remember to water them. In areas that might be too dark, cold or hard to reach when watering, artificial greenery can play the starring role and liven up the space.

Cut flowers can make an eye-catching impact as centrepieces, from small to large arrangements.



Keep your plants thriving

As your plant grows, it will need more space. IKEA provides all potted plants with nutrient-rich growing media and repotting is normally not needed until 1 year after purchase. Aim for a pot that's 5–7 cm larger than the previous pot. In general, the plants have sufficient fertilizer for approximately 1–3 months, after this it can be good to give a boost to the plant by using fertilizer monthly during the peak growing cycle. If you notice that the plant has gone dormant, which often happens during winter – let it be until next season.



Tip: Use a box while repotting, as this process can leave a mess. Go ahead and aerate the soil properly – don't be afraid to get your hands dirty.

Cultivate great ideas

Take care of your growing friends and explore how your plants can thrive best. The joy of seeing your plants thrive is a special feeling that you might also want to share, maybe through propagation. This means to take a cutting or a piece of plant to replant. A wonderful way to make more plants for yourself or friends

and family. Make sure to also pass on your knowledge when you go on trips, empowering the person taking care of your plants with what they need to know to make sure the plants continue to grow.

Low-maintenance plants

If you live in a hot climate or lead a busy life, it might be a good idea to choose succulents and cacti, which survive even if you forget to water them regularly. Everything that lives needs to be taken care of, but some plants are extra hardwearing, tough – and easier to keep alive. Look for plants highlighting easy-care.

