



Peace Lily Plants are beautiful indoor houseplants with large, glossy, oval, dark green leaves and impressive white “spathes” (flowers) that last for weeks. Spathes may be green which reminds us that they are really modified leaves. A Peace Lily or Spathiphyllum originated in tropical forests around the world where it grew close to the forest floor in the shade of the larger plants. This helps explain why Peace Lily plants are one of very few indoor plants that can bloom even in medium to low light.

## **CARE**

### **LIGHT**

Peace Lily Plants do well in low, medium, or good indirect light. Too much light causes the leaves to fade and lose their vibrant dark green color. Too little light and Peace Lily Plants cannot develop flowers. Direct sunlight burns the leaves.

### **WATER**

Allow the top 50% of the soil to dry out before watering. You should water the Peace Lily if the leaves are severely drooping. Leaves turn a blackish brown from over-watering.

### **FERTILIZER**

Fertilize every other month when a Peace Lily is actively growing with a basic houseplant food diluted to 1/2 the recommended strength. Too much fertilizer burns the leaf tips.

### **TEMPERATURE**

Peace Lily Plants grow well in 65°-85°F

### **HUMIDITY**

High humidity is a plus but not a necessity.

### **FLOWERING**

As Peace Lily Plants mature, they produce more flowers. Brighter light also encourages more blooms.

### **PESTS**

Peace Lily Plants may get aphids, spider mites, and mealy bugs.

### **DISEASES**

Since Peace Lily plants prefer a humid environment, leaf spot, and other bacterial and fungal plant diseases can be a problem. Keeping the leaves dry, providing good air circulation around the plant, and avoiding overly wet soil helps prevent plant diseases.

### **SOIL**

Use a rich well-aerated potting soil that contains a good amount of peat or other organic material.

### **POT SIZE**

A Peace Lily should not be moved to the next size plant pot until the roots of the plant have almost filled the existing pot.

### **PRUNING**

Once the flowers fade, prune the flower and its stem at the soil line. Every Peace Lily flower has its own stem so that stem will not re-bloom. Pruning the flowers and stems helps the plant look better and encourages more flowers. Brown or yellow leaves should also be pruned at the base of their stem. If you want to trim the brown or yellow tips on the leaves of a Peace Lily, rather than removing the entire leaf, use a sharp clean wet scissors to make an angled cut below the discolored area.

### **PROPAGATION**

Peace Lily plants are easily propagated by plant division.

### **SPECIAL OCCASION**

Because of their name, these plants are often sent as gifts for funerals.

### **CLEAN AIR PLANT**

NASA recommends a Peace Lily as an excellent plant to clean the air of harmful chemicals.

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