



SANSEVIERIA PLANT • SANSEVIERIA TRIFASCIATA • MOTHER-IN-LAWS TONGUE • SNAKE PLANT

The Sansevieria, originally from South Africa, is another hardy almost impossible to kill houseplant that thrives on neglect. Sansevieria plants, also called a Snake plant and Mother in Law's Tongue plant, can be used as table plants when taller, stately floor plants. Certain varieties such as the "Trifurcate" have long, thick, stiff, upright leaves that can reach 4ft. in length while other varieties, such as the Hahni have very short compact leaves that are only 4".

CARE

LIGHT

A Sansevieria can be placed anywhere in a room from the darkest corner to the brightest window. The better the light, the faster a Sansevieria grows.

WATER

Over-watering is the main reason Sansevieria plants die. Allow the soil to dry out before watering. During the winter, in a low light area, a Sansevieria plant may need water only once a month.

FERTILIZER

Feed a Sansevieria monthly when the plant is actively growing with a Cactus plant food diluted to 1/2 the recommended strength. Never use a fertilizer that contains nitrates.

TEMPERATURE

Sansevierias grow well in temperatures between 60°F (15.5°C) and 85° F(29°C)

HUMIDITY

Prefer low humidity.

FLOWERING

Sansevieria plants may produce flowers every few years during the summer. Flower production occurs when the plant is in bright light and experiencing some stress. Stress for a Sansevieria might be severely dry soil or being root-bound in a small pot. The flowers of a Sansevieria, which appear as clusters on long spike, are fragrant but not particularly pretty.

PESTS

Sansevieria plants seem to be immune to house Plant Pests.

DISEASES

Red leaf spot disease and root rot caused by over- watering.

SOIL

Plant in a good, rich, organic soil that drains quickly. If the soil in the pot isn't draining well, add some sand.

POT SIZE

Like to be root-bound in small pots.

PROPAGATION

Plant division or leaf cuttings. When using leaf cuttings to propagate a Sansevieria, allow the cut end of the leaf to dry out for a few days before planting it.

CLEAN AIR PLANT

These are excellent Clean Air Plants that remove benzene, formaldehyde, and trichloroethylene from the air.