

Succulents: indoors & outdoors

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Succulents need a lot of sunlight to grow happy and healthy. They don't like direct sunlight in the heat of the summer when they are outside. They are very prone to sunburn. If they are outside put them somewhere they will receive some shade and stay relatively cool. Morning light is good with a bright shade in the afternoon. If your plants are inside, put them somewhere they'll receive bright light for most of the day. A south facing window will provide enough light.

A sign that your succulent isn't getting enough light is "stretching". If your plant starts to get really tall with a lot of space between leaves it is stretching out trying to find more light. Try to move your plant where it will get more light throughout the day

Soil conditions for both indoors and out. Basically, just make sure your succulent is in a well-draining soil so the roots can completely dry out between watering. The thicker the leaves on a succulent the less water it needs. Giving them a good soak once a week is better than misting them. Winter months your succulents need less water indoors, every two weeks will be good.

In our Colorado cold winters, bringing your succulents inside before it snows will be a good thing for them. Succulents are dormant during the winter. They need a period of cold to help them produce better blooms in spring and summer.

When you see your succulent leaves are wilting and shriveling up, not to worry. Just like all plants, eventually the lower leaves of succulents are going to shrivel up and die. You should only be concerned about dying leaves if the newest or uppermost leaves on your succulent are shriveling.