

MAJESTY PALMS

The **Majesty Palm** (*Ravenea rivularis*) is a beautiful tropical palm plant that adds an exotic, lush touch to homes and gardens. Here's a **complete guide** to understanding, growing, and caring for Majesty Palms:

☀️ 1. Light Requirements

Indoors: Prefers bright, indirect light. A south, east, or west-facing window is ideal. Too little light will cause yellowing fronds and slow growth.

Outdoors (warm climates): Partial shade to full sun, acclimate slowly to prevent sunburn. 💡 Rotate the pot every 1–2 weeks to keep growth even.

💧 2. Watering. Keep soil evenly moist, but never soggy.

Water thoroughly when the top 1–2 inches of soil feel dry.

Reduce watering in winter, but don't let the soil completely dry out.

🚫 Avoid Standing water → causes root rot.

Fluoride or chlorine in tap water → can cause brown leaf tips.

Use filtered, distilled, or rainwater if possible.

🌱 3. Soil. Needs well-draining, rich soil that retains moisture.

Best mix: 2 parts peat moss or coconut coir, 1 part perlite or coarse sand, 1 part compost or organic matter, pH range: 5.5–7.0 (slightly acidic to neutral).



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 4. Temperature & Humidity. Temperature: Ideal: 65–85°F (18–29°C)
Avoid temps below 50°F (10°C) – cold drafts can damage the plant.
Humidity: Prefers 50–60% humidity or higher. If air is dry: Mist fronds regularly. Use a humidifier or a pebble tray with water.

 5. Fertilizing. Growing season (spring & summer): Feed every 4–6 weeks with a balanced, slow-release fertilizer (e.g., 10-10-10 or palm-specific formula). Magnesium is important to prevent yellowing, so a fertilizer with micronutrients is ideal. Fall & winter: Fertilize less or stop completely when growth slows.

 6. Pruning. Do not cut healthy green fronds. Remove only brown or completely yellow fronds, cutting close to the base. Pruning too aggressively can stress the plant.

 9. Repotting. Repot every 2–3 years or when roots outgrow the pot. Choose a container 2 inches larger in diameter than the current one. Best repotting time: spring.

Common Problems & Solutions

Problem	Cause	Solution
Yellowing fronds	Low light, overwatering, or lack of magnesium	Increase light, check watering, add magnesium
Brown leaf tips	Low humidity or fluoride in water	Increase humidity, switch to filtered water
Slow growth	Insufficient light or nutrients	Move to brighter spot, fertilize
Pests (spider mites, mealybugs)	Dry air or weak plant	Wipe leaves, spray neem oil or insecticidal soap

