

PLANT NAME: ALOCASIA

- **Light Requirements:**

- Place your Alocasia in bright, indirect light. Avoid direct sunlight, as it can scorch the leaves.

- **Temperature:**

- Alocasia prefers warm temperatures between 60°F (15°C) and 80°F (27°C). Protect it from drafts and temperature extremes.

- **Watering:**

- Keep the soil consistently moist but not waterlogged. Water the plant when the top inch of soil feels slightly dry.
- Avoid letting the plant sit in standing water, as it can lead to root rot. Ensure proper drainage.

- **Humidity:**

- Alocasia thrives in high humidity. Mist the leaves regularly or place the plant on a tray with water and pebbles to increase humidity.
- Avoid placing it near heating or cooling vents that can cause dry air.

- **Fertilization:**

- Feed your Alocasia with a balanced, water-soluble fertilizer once a month during the growing season (spring and summer). Follow the instructions on the fertilizer packaging for dosage.

- Pruning and Maintenance:

- Remove yellow or damaged leaves by cutting them off at the base. This promotes healthy growth and aesthetics.
- Wipe the leaves occasionally with a damp cloth to remove dust and maintain their shine.

- **Potting and Repotting:**

- Use a well-draining potting mix that retains some moisture. A mix of peat moss, perlite, and regular potting soil works well.
- Repot the plant when it becomes root-bound, usually every 1-2 years. Choose a slightly larger pot to provide room for growth.

- **Common Issues:**

- Overwatering - Alocasia is susceptible to root rot. Ensure proper drainage and avoid overwatering.
- Low Humidity - Dry air can cause brown leaf tips. Increase humidity levels to prevent this.
- Pests - Watch out for pests like spider mites and mealybugs. Treat them with appropriate insecticidal soap or neem oil.

Note: The information provided is a general guideline for Alocasia care. Specific care requirements may vary depending on the Alocasia variety and your specific environmental conditions.

