

How to Care for a PEACE LILY Plant

Spathiphyllum wallisii

SELECT SITE:

Grow indoors as a Houseplant.

Temperature: Regular house temperature to slightly on the warm side, avoid hot or cold drafts.

Light: Will tolerate very low light, but with too little light, the leaves may turn yellow and without some brightness from a window or a lamp, they are unlikely to bloom much, if at all. They can tolerate any light except bright direct sunlight, and bloom more with the more light it receives, although too much light will also cause the leaves to scorch, curl & turn yellow. A bright filtered sunlit location is best.

Water: Ideally, keep soil evenly moist, not soaking wet or soggy. Water thoroughly when the soil just becomes dry but do not let the plant sit in water. Avoid allowing the plant to wilt, although Spathiphyllum will recover amazingly well from badly wilting, it is highly likely the leaves will turn yellow as a consequence of dry soil. Similar to low light, the plant will survive low water levels, but will never thrive as well as when proper watering is given. Also, be sure your container has a drainage hole so the pot does not hold excess water.

If the plant is constantly droopy and doesn't perk back up after watering, it may have a root disease from being overwatered. Repot in fresh soil and a clean new pot, removing all black & damaged roots too. Be extremely careful with future watering after repotting.

Fertilizer: Not a heavy feeder, only fertilize with diluted (1/2 strength) fertilizer monthly when the plant is growing or blooming, usually in spring & summer. Don't use too much fertilizer & don't fertilize in winter because the leaf tips will turn brown.

Maintenance:

* Occasionally, put the plant in the shower and water the leaves to wash off any accumulated dust.

* Repot only when it becomes difficult to keep the plant watered enough; the plant tends to bloom better when it is slightly pot-bound.

* Can move to a sheltered, filtered sun location outside during only the warm summer months. The plant is tropical and cannot be outside in temperatures below 60 deg. F.

*Thrives with higher humidity, such as found in a rainforest. Spritz leaves occasionally with water.

SIZE: This plant will grow to be about 3 ft. tall & wide.

FLOWERS: If the plant never flowers, check to see that the plant is receiving enough light, water, and occasional fertilizer, and is slightly root-bound in its pot.

Grow outside only in the warmest climates of USDA Plant Hardiness Zones 11-12. The plant can grow to 6 ft. tall outside.

Not for human or animal consumption; place plant away from children & household pets.