



## USE & CARE MANUAL: ORNAMENTAL PINEAPPLE



The ornamental pineapple plant needs to be planted in a mixture of orchid bark and sand that is lightly moist. Keep good moisture until the top roots, taking care not to overwater, which will make the fruit top rot. You can also remove any offsets and plant them. Let these root and you will soon be growing pineapples to share with friends and family.

Care for Pineapples - require medium light, soil low in organic amendments and moderate moisture. The plant can tolerate short periods of drought with no ill effects. They can be prone to several pests, including aphids, whitefly and scale. Rinse off soft bodied pests and use a horticultural soap to combat the others. Fertilize every two weeks in spring until dormancy in fall. Use a diluted liquid plant fertilizer. Water thoroughly each time, but allow the surface of the soil to dry out before applying more water. Pineapple plant must be kept where temperatures are between 65 and 82 F. (50 and 28 C.) with high humidity for best growth. Mimic the growing conditions of a Hawaiian island and you are guaranteed success with your pineapple flowering houseplant!

