

A Look at How to Grow a Spathiphyllum

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Not only an attractive plant, the spathiphyllum is a useful one in that it detoxifies the environment from dangerous chemicals. That being pointed out brings one to take a look at spathiphyllum care.

The Spathiphyllum Plant and Its Care

First, there are dozens of variations of this plant as spathiphyllum plants are survivors. We'll focus on just the general and more familiar type the Peace Lilly but you can search for spathiphyllum images to see more as those pictures will really bring out the awareness.

The Spathiphyllum's Leaves and Flower



That's right, whenever one has seen that white flower on that strong stem with the upturned petals and it was none other than this variety of spathiphyllum. It's a favorite around the world and as mentioned earlier is quite the marvel to have around. It's beauty and easy to grow maintenance boosts that fandom of this variety and the native to the dark forests of Central and South America makes a great houseplant and gift.

It is a member of the Anthurium genus and it's general appearance is that of big green leaves and a spoon shaped white flower with a stem right in the middle.



Types of Species of Spathiphyllum

There are dozens of species of this type of plant such as S. Floribundum, S. Wallissi, S. Cannifolium, Spathiphyllum Wallisii, and more. Its classification is Alismatales, Monocots, Angiosperm, Araceae family. They're evergreen herbaceous plants and are perennial.

Taking A Look at Spathiphyllum Care

These plants thrive well in the home or office and care instructions should be heeded to. Coming from the rough regions of the Americas they require little sunlight and water. They look good and last long indoors and should be over watered nor placed in direct sunlight. There's a way to water them but only add enough extra water when they're in the heat.

Keep the soil moist but not drenched, and yellow drooping leaves are a good indicator something is wrong especially after transplanting so take caution as this is important to the care of spathiphyllum.. It's imperative that their soil remains moist year round but in the heat of the summer just add enough extra water to be sure.

A temperate climate is best for these plants as extremes in temperature could cause damage. A special word of caution is not to use chlorinated water. Distilled water is fine or just let the tap water sit until the chlorine evaporates overnight.

Feed the plant a couple of times each week. Don't overdo it though and give it a mist now and then which will keep these flowers glowing with minimal or no problems as with all types of spathiphyllum. When planting spathiphyllum make sure you use the right type of soil and in combination with other materials given the environment you place these plants in.

They're tough and will be seen in nature even growing in and along streams. Ask your horticulturalist about how to plant them in soil and what materials to use to hold in the moisture like pebbles and the like.

Remember, this is generally a rain forest type of plant that has to hold its own. The rain forests may be lush with vegetation but their top soil is not too good. The spathiphyllum when used as a house plant requires soil that will allow it to get enough water but to provide nutrition as well. It's sturdy enough to make its own food but every bit helps. This is part and parcel to how to plant a spathiphyllum.



Planting the Spathiphyllum

Potting the plants is a very special action. If you're going to transplant you need to know when to transplant. When the plant gets too large get a pot that is at least one and a half times larger than the old pot. Keep the new soil

moist and gently put the plant in. Put the plant at the same level root ball size to the same as it was before and then fill it in, add water and keep an eye on it.

Seeds and Growing them Right

Check around for specialists who give tips on how to perform the procedure especially when planting new seeds. This all aids in the plant's propagation and cultivation. You'll need to know this if you want to know how to grow and how to care for these plants.

How to fertilize the spathiphyllum

Now that you're somewhat aware of how to plant a spathiphyllum you need to know that the fertilizer requirements if you know what a 20 20 20 balanced liquid fertilizer that is soluble. Do this on a monthly basis and don't overdo it. You can tell if you've over fertilized the plant if the leaves end up with brown spots on them.

Remember, these plants are tough and produce their own food but need a boost as they're not in their natural environment. Do fertilization well and you will see a healthy spathiphyllum that will last a long time.

Showing off outdoors

This is one great plant to have outdoors showing off in your flowerbeds. You can't miss the big green leaves and bright white petals. They might not do too well in the high north areas but they will do well in temperate and tropical environments. Not only do they do well but they get big. Expect them to reach heights of around 3 feet.

The base is large and you need to space the plants away from one another and most of all do not place them in bright sunlight. Remember, these are rainforest plants and exist in modest shady areas. Too much sunlight will burn the leaves.

Pruning and Cutting Spathiphyllum Plants for Good Health

These plants are just easy to prune because they don't need a lot. They're pretty much holding their own and won't overgrow all over the place looking like something from a jungle movie. They're bright, tight, and easy to handle. Cutting spathiphyllum is very easy to handle by clipping the leaves at the base of the stem.

This will allow the plant to grow new leaves and get that healthy glow. Actually you should cut the stem and leave a bit left and after it turns brown go ahead and pull it out.



Handling Disease and Pests of the Spathiphyllum

You knew having a plant this sturdy would have a problem and that means there would be some pests involved as well as diseases. Well the good news is the pests that do plague this plant aren't that tough and are comprised of

spider mites, mealy bugs, and aphids are easy to get rid of with simple insecticides and even water.

Keep away from children and pets

These plants come from an aggressive environment. They have built in safeguards and being indigestible is one of them. These plants are poisonous to dogs and can give people, especially children one mean stomach ache and the sap can cause other irritations like skin and eye. Be careful and you'll be able to keep the plant in tip top shape and enjoy its beauty.

You can imagine why these plants make such great gifts and are superior house and office plants. They're so bright looking and healthy looking that people just can't resist them. You can see them from a great distance as the white flower sure sets off a beacon on its own. The big green rich leaves surrounding the flower stand out and are shiny that after a wee bit of maintenance the plant just beams.

The fact that it removes toxins such as benzene, CO₂, formaldehyde and more from the air is enough to realize these plants are a plus to the home and office. They're like one of nature's purifiers and considering that you might want several around the house or office.

These plants are so popular they have fan clubs. One will find thousands upon thousands of websites, blogs, and forums dedicated to the care of these plants. There are showcases and contests, songs dedicated to them and they've made quite their appearance as background props in television shows, movies, photos in magazines and more. The reason being is that they're so sturdy and easy to take care of.

They look great and are such a favorite and they're also a great way to teach young people to care for plants. That's right, they're not for kids under five years of age who might chew on the plants or let the dog get to them but for teaching kids how to tend for plants these are great to start with.

They can do light maintenance year round and watch the flower grow and bloom during its blooming months and they can see how their efforts happen over time thus teaching perseverance and patience.

Overall, this plant is a great addition to anyone's plant collection.