

Easy-Care Snake Plant

Common Name:

Snake Plant or Mother-in-law's Tongue

Botanical Name:

Sansevieria trifasciata, now *Dracaena trifasciata*

Light & Temperature needs:

- Bright indirect light to medium light.
- Avoid direct light from South or West
- Warmer household temperatures consistently between 65° - 80°F.



Water:

- Water when the top 1" is dry. When watering, it is important to give them a soaking so that water comes out of the bottom of the pot. It's important to not overwater-- don't water again until dry as above.
- While you may not need to water as often and it can handle dry air, Snake Plant also will do well in humid conditions.

Feeding information and General Care tips:

- Snake Plant needs quick-draining potting soil with a granular slow-release fertilizer refreshed every spring for the growing season.
- Use a pot that is wider than it is tall to be sure this tall, narrow plant is stable.
- New leaf growth comes from rhizomes below the soil surface.
- The strong rhizomes and roots can break pots apart!

Best location in home:

- Anywhere that gets some bright indirect light and needs air purification.
- Refreshes stale, closed-up rooms.
- Also nice for bathrooms with their high humidity.

Example of how to enjoy it:

- The strong upright form of the Snake plant looks great on a pedestal or as a buffer next to a desk or bedside table. It may start small at 8" but can grow to 8 feet tall!
- Snake plant is one of the most efficient plants at taking in toxins and releasing oxygen. Place it in a bedroom because it gives off oxygen at night. Refreshing!
- Dogs and Cats should avoid this snake: chewing or ingestion can result in vomiting and diarrhea.