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Tillandsia Care Instructions

"Air Plants"

Light: Lighting for Tillandsias should be bright but filtered (April-October). They should not be left in the direct sun during the summer months as this will cause the plant to become sunburned. They may be grown in the house directly in front of a window. Fresh moving air is advisable, but remember, the most important care needed is bright filtered light. Trees, overhangs and window tinting can rob your plants of needed light. Place plants no further away than 3 feet in front of a bright window.

Artificial Light: Full spectrum artificial light (fluorescent) is the best artificial light. The plant should be no further than 36" from the fluorescent tubes and can be as close as 6". Bulbs can be any full spectrum type Gro-Luc, Repta-Sun, Vita-Lite, etc. Light should be set with a timer, 12 hours per day.

Water: Thoroughly wet your Tillandsia 2-3 times per week; more often in a hot, dry environment; less often in a cool, humid environment. Plants should be given enough light and air circulation to dry in no longer than 4 hours after water. Spray misting is insufficient as the sole means of water, but may be beneficial between regular watering in dry climates to increase the humidity. If the plant is in a shell, be sure to empty the water out, Tillandsias will not survive in standing water.

Temperature: Optimum temperature range for Tillandsias is 50-90 degrees F.

Fertilizer: Use Bromeliad fertilizer (17-8-22) twice a month. It is GREAT for blooming and reproduction. Other water-soluble fertilizers can be used at ¼ strength, such as Rapid Grow, Miracle- Grow, etc.