



Caring for Tillandsias (Air Plants)

The great thing about tillandsias is that they are very easy to take care of. Just follow a few easy steps and they'll thrive in your home, office, porch or patio.

Watering

Because these are air plants, watering them will be a little different than your typical plant. Tillandsias that are outside in our area will need very little additional watering. The humidity in the air will take care of that! If your tillandsias are indoors mist them a few times a week to keep the humidity up and every one to two weeks submerge them in water for 2-3 hours. Avoid using softened water, and if your tap water has chlorine, let it sit for 20 – 30 minutes to allow the chlorine to dissipate. Water tillandsias in the morning, so that by evening they've absorbed the water they need.



Light

Provide tillandsias with bright, filtered light. Most do not like direct sunlight, but they do need some sunlight, so if they are indoors, make sure they are in a bright location. Typical interior lights won't give them the light that they need.

Fertilizer

Use a light fertilizer solution on your tillandsias once per month. Mix the fertilizer with water and use it to mist or to soak the plants.

Blooms

Each tillandsia variety has its own unique bloom. Because tillandsias are in the bromeliad family, each plant will flower once in its lifetime, but will create little pups (new plants) that will bloom again.

Display

Be creative and show off your personal style by displaying your tillandsias in your own unique way. Almost anything that can hold a tillandsia can be used as a container, from concrete pots to metal springs, glass globes to fishing line, and everything in between!