

# SUCCULENT CARE

## Enough Light:

- succulents love light
- needs six hours of sun/day
- gradually introduce plants to full sun exposure

## Rotate Succulents:

- succulents will lean toward the sun, so rotating them will help them stand up straight

## Soils:

- succulents need soil that drains
- use cactus soil or mix potting soil with sand, pumice, or perlite
- succulent roots are fragile, so be gentle when repotting

## Plant in a Container with Drainage:

- succulents don't like waterlogged soil, so drainage is important to prevent rot
- containers with drainage holes allow excess water to escape
- terracotta pots are ideal

## Watering:

- water more frequently during the spring and summer growing seasons
- during fall and winter, when the plants are dormant, they need less water
- when the top 1.25 inches are dry, the plant needs to be watered
- when watering, soak the soil until water runs out of the container's drainage holes
- don't use a spray bottle to water plants (can cause brittle roots and moldy leaves)
- let the soil dry between waterings so as not to overwater and kill the succulent

## Cleaning:

- dust can inhibit growth of plants
- gently wipe off the leaves and spines with a damp cloth
- for hard to reach areas, use a paintbrush to clean off dust

## Insect Removal:

- gnats are attracted to soil that is too wet, without proper drainage
- mealybugs appear as a result of overwatering and over fertilizing
- move infected plants away from other succulents
- treat with appropriate remedies, including insecticidal soap

## Fertilizing:

- succulents don't need much fertilizer, so be careful not to over fertilize
- fertilize during the spring and summer growing season