

ABIDE A WHILE

GARDEN BOUTIQUE



Air Plant Care Instructions

Tillandsias have a wide range of habitats. From arid deserts to Brazilian rain forests, the ability to adapt makes the Tillandsia one of the most carefree plants in the world. Most of these plants can live in a home with poor lighting and little to no water for a month without adverse effects. Some can even survive several months with those conditions. Following are a few guidelines that will allow most Tillandsias to thrive and grow indoors and out.

INDOOR CARE

Tillandsias enjoy high light. Place your plant near the window facing East, West, or South. To water, place your plant in water for several hours and wait two weeks before sealing again. Make sure that you do not use chlorinated water or water that goes through a softener. Rain water is best.

FERTILIZER

Tillandsias will thrive with a regular dose of fertilizer. A good balanced orchid fertilizer designed for foliar feeding is highly recommended. Do not use a fertilizer that contains copper as a component. Follow the instructions for half strength orchid fertilizers.

BLOOMS AND OFFSETS

Like all bromeliads, Tillandsias will only bloom once. After blooming the plant will put out new offsets from between the leaves at the base of the plant. Well or distilled water will also work. If using city water, let it stand overnight before placing the plant in it.

OUTDOOR CARE

Tillandsias will do well outdoors all year long in warmer climates enjoying fresh breezes and good air circulation. Most are used to high light conditions. Your plant should have full sun from dawn to 10am and 3pm to sunset if outdoors.