

ZZ Plant

Zamioculcas zamiifolia or "ZZ Plant" is a nearly indestructible houseplant with shiny, dark green leaves. Their exotic look and easy care make them popular houseplants. ZZ plants with nearly black or variegated leaves exist but are much less common.

Light:

Bright indirect light is ideal, but ZZ plants tolerate very low light. They do have limits, though. If new growth is very thin and elongated, your light is too dim.

In the summer, ZZ plants make elegant outdoor plants for shady areas. Avoid direct sun, particularly during mid-day.

Soil:

Any regular commercial potting soil is suitable. If you have a "heavy hand" with watering, consider mixing in some cactus and succulent mix to improve drainage.

Water & Fertilizer:

ZZs are tolerant of quite dry soil, and should never have "wet feet" or sit in a saucer full of water. Allow to dry thoroughly before watering. If the leaves soften or stems begin to wilt, your ZZ plant is too dry.

Fertilize monthly during periods of active growth, generally in spring and summer, with a balanced general-purpose fertilizer.

Temperature & Humidity:

Regular home temperatures and humidity levels are suitable for ZZ plants.

Repotting:

Repot when your ZZ becomes difficult to keep even minimally watered, or when the plant becomes out of proportion to the container.

Pests:

ZZs are not susceptible to many plant pests, though occasionally mealybugs can be a problem. Overwatering is the biggest threat; often yellowing leaves can be an early sign.

Please note: ZZ plants are toxic and should be avoided if you have pets or children that like to taste your houseplants.



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