

# Houseplant Basics

## A Garden Guide



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## **LIGHTING**

### **FULL SUN:**

*At least 5 hours direct sunlight daily. Place away from windowpane to prevent burning, with extra protection in summer.*

Aloe Vera  
Croton  
Ficus  
Gerber Daisy  
Kalanchoe  
Norfolk Island Pine  
Tulip  
Wax Begonia

### **SEMI-SUN:**

**Only a couple hours direct sunlight in winter.** Mostly bright reflected or indirect light. Good for blooming plants.

Aloe Vera  
Anthurium  
Arrowhead Vine  
Boston Fern  
Christmas Cactus  
Croton  
Orchid  
Dieffenbachia  
English Ivy  
Ficus

### **SEMI-SUN continued:**

Gerber Daisy  
Liriope  
Norfolk Island Pine  
Parlor Palm  
Peace Lily  
Prayer Plant  
Rubberplant  
Snake Plant  
Spider Plant  
Tulip  
Wax Begonia

### **SEMI-SHADE:**

*Receives a lot of bright, indirect light. Some blooming plants will bloom. Most foliage plants prefer these conditions.*

Arrowhead Vine  
Boston Fern  
Corn Plant  
Croton  
Cyclamen  
Dracena  
Dieffenbachia  
Peace Lily  
Philodendron  
English Ivy  
Golden Pathos  
Snake Plant

## **SHADE:**

*No direct sunlight, and somewhat dark at midday. There should be enough indirect light to cast a shadow. Rotate periodically to a brighter location.*

Arrowhead Vine  
Golden Pathos  
Philodendron  
Snake Plant

## **INSECTS & DISEASE:**

Most commonly found pests are mealybugs, spider mites, aphids, and scale.

**SPIDER MITES** are tiny, almost invisible insects that like dry, warm conditions. Look for fine white webs on underside of leaves. Shake plant over white paper and look for dark specks resembling dust on the paper.

**MEALY BUGS** look like specks of cotton and produce a sticky substance that can encourage growth of sooty mold.

**SCALE INSECTS** resemble tiny turtles and are soft or hard, and reddish gray or brown.

They produce a sticky substance that promotes growth of sooty mold.

**APHIDS**, also called plant lice, are tiny, soft-bodied insects that cluster on buds, stems, or new plant growth. They secrete a sticky substance, called honeydew. Leaves or flowers will look curled and distorted.

**PEST MANAGEMENT:** Inspect plants carefully before bringing indoors. Meeting the plants growing needs will reduce stress and increases its ability to withstand pest pressures. Use Safer Soap, or Q-tips dipped in rubbing alcohol to combat pests. Neem oil is effective on many plants as well