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#### HOUSEPLANT CARE GUIDES

Aspidistra elatior

# **CAST IRON PLANT**

**REGION OF ORIGIN** 

Asia

### ¢ Light

Cast Iron plant thrives in low to medium indirect light and can easily handle spots far from windows, making it ideal for dim corners or rooms. Be sure to avoid direct sunlight, as it can scorch the leaves.



We recommend fertilizers like Espoma Organic Indoor! Houseplant Food, Jack's Houseplant Special, or Organic Plant Magic. These options provide essential nutrients to keep your plants vibrant and thriving.



#### SOIL

For tropical plants we recommend our Rooted Goods All-Purpose Potting Mix, Uncle Mike's Organic Potting Mix, or Espoma's Organic Potting Mix. All three options are great choices for ensuring healthy growth and thriving plants.



Maintain even moisture levels, allowing the soil to dry slightly between waterings. Avoid waterlogged conditions, as this can lead to root rot.

#### • TEMPERATURE

The cast iron plant thrives in temperatures between 60–75°F (15–24°C). It's not frost-tolerant, so be sure to keep it indoors or protected if temperatures drop below 50°F.



#### **ISSUES + FIXES**

Cast Iron plants are resilient, but may face occasional pest issues. Rinse foliage to deter pests or treat with insecticidal soap if infestations occur. Browning leaf tips indicate over or underwatering, while fully brown leaves suggest excessive sunlight exposure.



#### **PRUNING & PROPAGATION**

Propagate through division in spring, ensuring each rhizome has at least two attached leaves. Prune dead or damaged foliage to maintain plant health and appearance.



Non-toxic to pets, making it a safe addition to pet-friendly households.