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Sansevieria species

Mother-in-Law Tongue or Snake Plant

LIGHT: This is a durable, slow growing house plant with handsome foliage that can tolerate low light areas such as a north facing window or the interior of a room. It will grow at a quicker rate if grown in bright light such as an east facing window.

WATER: When this plant is actively growing from March-October water moderately, allowing the top inch of soil to dry out between watering. During the winter rest period reduce frequency, allowing the top half of the soil to dry out before watering again. Over watering causes the leaf's collapse and eventual root rot.

TEMPERATURE: Thrives in warm room temperatures between 65-80 degrees F. Can tolerate temperatures down to 55 degrees F during winter months.

FERTILIZER: Feed once a month with a balanced fertilizer at half-strength from March through October.

COMMENTS: The numerous species of this plant are popular and long-lasting houseplants capable of withstanding dry air, drafts, and periods without water. There are two main types: tall growing plants with stiff, erect, lance shaped leaves; and dwarf growing rosette forms. The tall growing types are especially effective in groupings, providing tall decorative accents to lower growing or bushy plants. Be care not to damage the pointed tips of the leaves. Broken tips will cause the leaf to stop growing.