

Caring for your Cactus

Watering

One of the most important things to remember about cacti is that they are very easy to kill by **over watering** and hard to kill by under watering.

Before watering, it is advisable to check the soil. The soil should be allowed to **dry completely** between watering. If the rocks were glued to the surface for shipping purposes, you can carefully break them up with a small screw driver. Generally, you can water about once a month or more, in an average climate.

If your cactus garden **does not** have a drainage hole in the pot near the bottom, you can pour the water directly on the surface of the dirt or rock area.

Amounts for surface watering:

- 6 inch or 12 inch planters = ¼ cup
- 4 inch garden = 1/3 cup
- 6 inch garden = 1/2 cup
- 8 inch garden = 2/3 cup
- 10 inch garden = 3/4 cup

Alternatively, if your cactus garden pot **does** have a hole near the bottom, place the pot upright in a shallow bowl or saucer with about ½ inch of water (enough to cover the hole) for about 30 minutes. Remove the pot from the water and allow it to drain until the water does not leak from the bottom hole.

Light

Place the cactus in as much natural light as possible, but never in direct sunlight.

Fertilizer

Fertilizer may be added to your cactus, with water, twice a year. You may use any good houseplant fertilizer.

Temperature

Many cacti are winter hardy; however, most will be damaged if the temperature drops below 32 degrees Fahrenheit. Therefore, we recommend that they be maintained within the range of 45 to 95 degrees.

Enjoy your cactus!

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