

RUBBER TREE *Ficus elastica*

Rubber Trees perform best in bright indirect sunlight. The plants are characterized by their large, oval burgundy foliage. Here it is planted in a striped ceramic pot. Check the soil for dampness once a week. If dry, add about a cup of water, keeping in mind that any excess will build up in the bottom and should be avoided.

**GEOGRAPHIC ORIGIN:**  
Southeast Asia

**GREAT FOR:** Bright light

**FEATURES:**  
Low-maintenance; Air-purifying

**GROWTH RATE:** Fast



**LIGHT**

Bright, indirect light is best. A few hours of direct morning sun is okay but too much will dull the leaves. Will become leggy in low light. Dust leaves monthly to ensure they can absorb light.



**LEVEL OF CARE**

Easy! Just make sure it has enough sunlight and that you don't overwater.



**FERTILIZER**

Feed with a liquid, indoor plant fertilizer about 1-2 times a month during the growing season. Do not fertilize in winter.



**PRUNING & PROPAGATION**

Prune damaged leaves by breaking to the leaf node. Can trim new growth to reduce height and control shape. Propagation is difficult outside of greenhouse settings.



**WATER**

About once every week or so. Allow the top 2 inches of soil to dry. Water less often in winter.



**TEMPERATURE**

Prefers warm, humid conditions around 60-75F. Keep away from drafty windows and air conditioners.



**SOIL**

Use a well-draining, All-Purpose potting soil. Young plants should be transplanted annually. Once mature, transplant every 2-3 years to give room to vast root network.



**PET FRIENDLY?**

Mildly toxic. Sap can cause mouth irritation and indigestion if consumed.

