

DRACAENA COMPACTA *Dracaena deremensis*

The Dracaena Compacta is a low-maintenance evergreen that is especially good at removing formaldehyde and other toxins from the air. A tuft of short, dark-green leaves springs from a single stalk, giving the Dracaena Compacta a unique, topiary appearance as it grows. Preferring the soil to mostly dry out before being watered, the Dracaena Compacta is the perfect, low-fuss houseplant for people on the go.

GEOGRAPHIC ORIGIN:

Tropical Africa

GREAT FOR: Low light

FEATURES:

Low-maintenance

GROWTH RATE: Slow



LIGHT

Medium, indirect sunlight is best but can tolerate low light as well. New growth may be smaller in low light. Avoid direct sunlight.



DIFFICULTY

Easy! Just don't put it in too much sun or overwater.



FERTILIZER

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



PRUNING & PROPAGATION

Prune top foliage to maintain desired height. Can cut tall stalks and new growth will appear near the cut. Make major cuts in early spring. Trim brown tips with wet scissors. To propagate, use rooting hormone on stem cuttings in the summer.



WATER

About once every 10-14 days. Allow soil to mostly dry out, and water less often in winter. Water less if in low light. If brown tips occur on foliage, try filtered/distilled water.



TEMPERATURE

Tolerates a wide range of temperatures, but prefers 60-85°F. Keep away from drafty windows and air conditioners.



SOIL

Use a well-draining, All-Purpose potting soil. Can mix soil with lava rocks to improve drainage. Dracaenas like to be root-bound in pots with drainage holes.



PET FRIENDLY?

Sorry! Mildly toxic if consumed.

