

Air Plant Care Guide for Boise and Treasure Valley Gardens

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Air plants (Tillandsia) are unique houseplants that grow without soil and make beautiful additions to homes and offices. With the right light, watering and care, air plants are easy to maintain and can thrive for years.

ABOUT AIR PLANTS

Tillandsia, commonly known as air plants, do not require soil to grow. In their native habitats of South and Central America, they grow attached to trees, rocks and other surfaces without harming the host plant.

LIGHT

Air plants thrive in areas of your home with bright, indirect light. They do well near a window, but avoid western-facing windows where hot afternoon sun may burn the plant.

WATERING

Every 1–2 weeks, soak air plants in a bowl of room-temperature water for 5–10 minutes. After soaking, place the plant upside down on a towel to dry. Proper drying is important to prevent rot.

TEMPERATURE

Air plants aren't too picky about indoor temperatures and can thrive between 50–90°F.

FLOWERING

Air plants bloom once in their lifetime. Depending on the species, blooms may last from several days to a few months. After flowering, the plant will produce small offshoots called "pups." These baby plants can be separated when they reach about one-third to one-half the size of the mother plant.

AIR CIRCULATION

Air plants prefer good air circulation. Avoid placing them in closed containers without airflow, as this can trap moisture and lead to rot.

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