

High Light House Plants

This plant group is diverse in size, shape and color. Tropical and subtropical high light plants love sun. In their native warm climates around the world, the temperatures range from 40° to over 100°. Ideal temperatures for growing these sun lovers is as low as 50° and as high as 90°. These plants grow out in open, sunny areas with only small amounts of shade being tolerated. They also have great air cleaning power, which is a healthy reason to grow them in your home or office.

How Do We Define “High Light”?

East, West or Southern exposure with 3 to 6 hours (or more) of direct sun. High light plants grow weak in shady areas. Moving them to sunny areas will bring back their strength and beauty, but be careful..... Think of how our skin burns quickly after a long winter of shade and then to the pool we go! Move these plants slowly to the sun, about 15 to 30 minute increases every five to seven days until plants are in direct sun. Plants bought in our greenhouse are ready for placement in a sunny spot and should not require this gradual placement.

On the reverse is a list of plants suitable for high light conditions. For watering and fertilizing recommendations refer to the code following each plant name and proceed as follows:

WATER:

M = Moist, never allow to dry out

SD = Slightly dry, plants in this group must dry slightly between thorough waterings

D = Dry, soil must dry out between thorough waterings.

FERTILIZER:

1 = 30-10-10 For all green foliage plants

2 = 15-30-15 For blooming plants (exceptions: Gardenia, Orchid varieties, citrus, and hibiscus.)

Plants for Clean Air are marked with *

Aloe Vera (D) (1)

Aralia, all varieties (SD) (1)

*Arboricola - mini leaf Schefflera (SD) (1)

Ardisa - Coffee plant (SD) (1)

Ardisa - Corral Berry (SD) (1)

Asparagus Fern (SD) (1)

*Bromeliads (SD) (1)

Bougainvillea (SD) (1)

Cacti (D) (2)

Citrus - Calamondin Orange (SD) (1)

Citrus Trees - lime, lemon, etc. (SD) (1)

Croton, all varieties (SD) (1)

Crown-of-Thorns (SD) (2)

*Ficus tree or bush, all varieties (SD) (1)

Ficus Rubber plant, variegated (SD) (1)

Gardenia (SD) (1)

*Hibiscus (SD) (1)

*Ivy, variegated (SD) (2)

Jasmine (SD) (1)

Kalanchoe (SD) (2)

Musa, Banana plant (SD) (1)

Orchid - Cattalea, Vanda, Cymbidium (SD) (1)

*Palm, Areca (SD) (1)

*Palm, Cat. (SD) (1)

Palm, Sago (SD) (1)

*Palm, Triangular (SD) (1)

*Schefflera, Umbrella (SD) (1)

Stralitzia “Orange” Bird of Paradise (SD) (1)

Zygo cacti (SD) (2)

Zebra plant (SD) (2)