



Tillandsia (Air Plant) Care

Watering

Watering is one of the most important aspects of growing a successful Tillandsia. Because their common name is Air Plant, most people think they need little or no water to survive. Tillandsia's need water, although they can survive for long periods of drought, they are not growing and not thriving in these conditions.

Your plant needs to be watered at least 2-3 times per week. Water to the point of run off, and shake off any extra moisture. Allow plant to dry out in between watering. In a home or office where the air is extremely dry, Tillandsia should be watered every day. Misting is adequate if done very regularly.

Lighting

Give plants as bright of light as possible without causing burning. Avoid direct sunlight, filtered sunlight/partial shade is ideal.

Temperature

Ideal temperature is 50-90 degrees. Not frost hardy.

Fertilizing

Fertilizing Tillandsia is not necessary, but it will result in faster growth, better flowers and more pups. Tillandsias are very susceptible to over fertilization. Use a good water soluble fertilizer at $\frac{1}{4}$ the strength recommended on package and use only once a month.

Growth Cycle

Tillandsia's have a life cycle of one plant growing to maturity and blooming. Your plant will start producing young (pups) most plants will produce between 2 - 8 pups. Each plant will flower once in its lifetime, remember that each pup is a plant and it will bloom. Flowers can last from several days to many months, depending on the species.

