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## TOP SUCCULENT CARE TIPS

**WATERING:** Water only when soil is dry. Always soak the soil when watering; **Do not use a spray bottle! See reverse side for more watering tips.**

**LIGHT:** Most succulents do well in full or partial sun, but they love 30-50% shade (by cloth or tree leaves) in the summer. Protect from direct sun when temperatures are above 80F. When indoors, place by bright window or under grow lights.

**TEMPERATURE:** Tender succulents need to be protected from freezing, and can be brought inside for the winter. Just be sure to give them as much light as possible when indoors.

**PESTS:** Mealy bug and aphids are the most common pests. Both can easily be removed by spraying lightly with a soapy water solution or 50-70% isopropyl rubbing alcohol.

**FERTILIZER:** Succulents do not need much fertilizer. Use a fertilizer with low nitrogen such as a 5-10-10. Dilute to half strength to prevent burning. Miracle Gro Quick Start works fine for most succulents.

Any of the natural fish or sea weed based fertilizers work great at half strength, too.

Spring is the best time to fertilize.

### WATERING!!

#### Water when dry!!

**INDOORS:** Water approximately every other week.

**Smaller pots/dishes may need water every week.**

**CHECK BEFORE WATERING!! If soil is still damp, do not water.**

**OUTDOORS:** Water no more than once a week, even in hot weather, unless your plant is in a very small pot.

**IT IS ALWAYS BEST TO CHECK** your plants to see if they need water. Plants don't always follow a schedule. Humidity, wind and amount of sun all affect how fast plants dry out.