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Care & Advice

Orchids

Orchids are a diverse and stunning group of plants belonging to the Orchidaceae family. Native to tropical and subtropical regions world-wide, they are highly coveted for their intricate and colourful flowers. Though they require more care than other houseplants, orchids are a captivating addition to any home or garden.



With proper care and pruning, orchids can continue to produce blooms year after year. With a little patience and effort, growing orchids can be a rewarding and enjoyable experience, providing a stunning display of colourful flowers for years to come.



Care

Proper care is crucial for maintaining healthy orchids. When it comes to lighting, they prefer bright but indirect light, and can tolerate weak winter sunshine. However, direct sunlight should be avoided as it can scorch their leaves. It's okay to keep orchids in darker areas temporarily, but not for longer than a week.

Overwatering is a common mistake that can harm orchids. They require less water than you might think, especially during winter when most houseplants need very little. Regular misting can help keep orchids hydrated, but be sure to avoid very dry areas unless you can mist daily.

Fertilising orchids a few times during the spring and summer with a general fertiliser can promote healthy growth and blooms. However, if you plan on discarding your orchid after its initial blooming period, feeding can be skipped altogether. Orchids can tolerate low temperatures, but even mild frost can be fatal, so be sure to protect them from cold weather.

This guide has been put together to give a brief outline of the care needed. If you require any further information, please ask our plant advisors who will be very happy to help.

