

# Houseplants

What You'll Need:	
Essential Items	Desirable Items
T&C Potting Mix Plus	Drip Pan
Pot with Good Drainage	Water Meter
Indoor Plant Food	



House plants bring the outside into our homes and offices. Many plants reportedly help to clean up the indoor pollution that may be inside. They recommend 15 plants in an 1800 sq ft home to clean the air.

Picking the right plant for the correct location and how to take care of it are important things to consider before your purchase. Look for healthy looking plants with good looking foliage, no bruising or tearing. The leaves should be a nice healthy color, not a lot of polish or wax has been applied to the leaves and the soil has a good color and doesn't have a sour or rotten odor.

## Common Houseplant List

African violet	Aluminum plant	Arrowhead
Asparagus fern	Benjamin fig	Boston Fern
Cast iron plant	Chinese evergreen	Corn plant
Croton	Dieffenbachia	Grape ivy
Orchids	Peace lily	Peperomia
Philodendron	Pony tail palm	Pothos
Prayer plant	Rubber plant	Schefflera
Spider plant	Wandering jew	Yucca
Cactus and Succulents		

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This is just a small list of some of the common plants that you will find. There are also Bonsai, Bromeliads, Fruit trees, Carnivorous, Terrariums, and other exotic house plants which can be found at various times of the year.

Herbs can also be brought into the house in the fall and wintered over. Care must be taken to ensure that the plants are free of insect and disease problems. Usually high light, moderate water, and a little fertilizer can keep them going during the winter months.

The following list is some of the insecticides which can be used on houseplants. Caution must be used as some may damage certain plants.

***Always read and follow the directions and cautions on the label.***

Active Ingredients	Pests	Comments
Bifenthrin	Spider mites, scale, mealybugs, whiteflies, thrips, aphids	
Permethrin	Scale, mealybugs, whiteflies, thrips, aphids	
Resmethrin	Scale, mealybugs, whiteflies, thrips, aphids	
Pyrethrins	Mealybugs, whiteflies, scale, thrips, aphids	No residual, only kills on contact
Imidacloprid	Mealybugs, scale, aphids	Bayer, Fertilome
Potassium fatty acids	Scale, aphids, thrips, spidermites	Kills only on contact, no residual, Insecticidal soap
Neem oil	Whiteflies, thrips, aphids	
Bacillus thuringiensi	Fungus gnats	Bacteria that specifically attack fungus gnat larvae
Diatomaceous earth	Fungus gnats, aphids, thrips, white flies	(crawling insect killer)(crystalline silica)

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