

# Tillandsia (Airplant) Care

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## The Basics

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These hardy plants are adaptable and tolerant to a wide range of environmental conditions and require minimal care. The three most important requirements are bright light, good air circulation and water.

**Indoor Light:** Bright light or filtered sun is important for an airplant. A South, East or West window would be best.

**Outdoor Light:** Air plants also do exceptionally well in outdoor environments. A backyard tree, screened porch or pool patio would be the most likely areas to find the bright filtered-light conditions Tillandsias love. Even though many grow in full sun, we do not recommend it.

**Blooming:** In a happy, humid, and bright-light environment, your plant has a chance of blooming through the center. These blooms range from blue to pink to purple, in pastel colors.

**Water:** Indoor Tillandsias should stay healthy with a watering schedule of 2 to 4 times a week. We recommend a misting spray bottle for these frequent waterings.

- In dryer climates, more frequent watering may be necessary. Saturate the Airplant completely until water runs off the plant – light misting is normally insufficient. Allow to dry completely between waterings.
- If your plant's leaves start to curl or roll (nature's way of conserving moisture), it could be an indication of dehydration. This can be corrected by completely submerging your plant in water overnight; then resume normal watering schedule.
- Softer, greener-leaved plants will require more frequent watering and a bit less sun than gray or silver-leaved plants.

**Ventilation:** Locate your Tillandsias in a well-ventilated area as they love fresh moving air. The movement of air dries plants between waterings which helps to avoid any disease due to overwatering.

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