

Success with Succulents

Cacti and Succulents are closely related.

All cacti are considered succulents BUT all succulents are not cacti.

Cacti can take blazing sun and most succulents cannot.

Succulents store water in their thick, fleshy leaves and stems. They have a “juicy” appearance. Succulent Latin *succulentus*—“having juice.”

Some cacti & succulents are hardy in zones 4 and up

Top Reasons to Grow Succulents

1. Ideal choice for first time plant owners
2. Can tolerate dry, indoor air
3. Most appreciate neglect
4. Fertilize infrequently—they grow spring/summer; rest in fall; dormant in winter. Fertilize in warmer months only.
5. Interior decorators love them as living sculptures and decorator items.
6. Can be grown in a dish w/other succulents w/same watering and sun requirements.

Needs

- Bright light
 - Well-draining soil—low in organic matter; try premade soil which contains sand.
- Do not overwater. Overwatering quickly rots the root system.

Succulents only need water when you stick your finger in the soil and it is dry until the second knuckle or when the leaves are withered, puckered, or shrunken.

Propagating Succulents

- Twist off a leaf all the way to the stem.
- Once you've taken your cutting or leaf, it's important to let it dry out. Leave the leaf or cutting alone for one to three days, so it can scab over.

- Set the leaves on top of the soil. Make sure their ends don't actually touch the soil at all.
- Full-grown succulents don't need to be watered every day, but leaves and cuttings do. Use a spray bottle to water them each time the soil dries out.
- Your cuttings will start to put off new roots and leaves within a few weeks.
- It takes some time for new rosettes and roots to form on succulent leaves and cuttings. The amount of time it takes will vary. You will usually see results within 2-3 weeks.

A List of Common Succulents Check hardiness Zone

- Angelina Stonecrop
- Autumn Joy Sedum
- Chocolate Drop Stonecrop
- Hens & Chicks
- Aloe Vera
- Agave
- Moss Rose
- Kalanchoe
- Hoya
- Jade
- Crown of Thorns
- Dolphin Plant
- Chinese Money Plant (pilea)
- Christmas Cactus

For more information: Ext.uga.edu/publications

Bulletin 1318 Growing Indoor Plants with Success

Bulletin 1338 Gardening in Containers Using Tropical Plants