# ANTHURIUM CARE



Anthurium is one of the most beautiful flowering and long living plants to grow indoors and are the ultimate in elegant flowering plants. Also known as the Flamingo Flower, the heart shaped glossy leaves with waxy flowers add tropical charm to any room, and Anthurium can flower all year under the right conditions.

## Light

Native to South America, this tropical beauty thrives in warm and brightly lit areas. Place your Anthurium where it will receive plenty of indirect sunlight. Do not expose to direct sun as it can burn the leaves and flowers. They really don't like direct sunlight, except for some winter early morning sunshine.

## **Temperature & Humidity**

The Anthurium prefers average to warm environments and high humidity. Provided that there is adequate light, bathrooms are a cosy environment due to the high humidity. If you're placing your Anthurium elsewhere in your home, you can provide misting to increase humidity. A balcony is also good in the warmer months as long as the plant is shaded from direct sun. Keep away from drafts of hot and cold air that may harm it.

#### Water

The Anthurium likes its soil to slightly dry out between watering with regular watering in the warmer months, but less during the colder seasons. Water thoroughly and wait for the water to drain through. Allow the top 3-5cm of soil to dry out before watering again. The top of the soil may look dry but it can be wet beneath, so before watering your plant, dip your finger into the soil to feel the level of moisture. If it feels damp, wait for a few days and check again.

#### Fertilise

During early spring and summer months fertilise your Anthurium once a month or at least twice a year with a half strength liquid fertiliser that is high in phosphorus to promote flowering. There is no need to fertilise during the cooler winter times.

#### Grow Pot within the Planter Pot

Your Anthurium is in a grow pot within the planter pot. The planter pot has no drainage hole. To make sure your Anthurium doesn't get waterlogged, make sure to check and empty the Planter Pot shortly after every watering. Or lift the plant out of the planter with the 2 rings provided on the grow pot before giving it a drink, then wait until it's fully drained before putting it back. If there are aerial roots above the soil and outside the planter, this is normal.

#### Maintenance

The Anthurium leaves tend to pick up dust. To keep them looking lush and fresh, gently wipe them down with a moist cloth. Also, remove any dead or yellowing leaves and flowers.

## Caution

All parts of the Anthurium are poisonous and toxic to animals and pets if eaten.

## **Further Information & Repotting**

This website provides lots of further information about Anthurium:

- <u>https://anthuriuminfo.com/en/category/about-anthurium/</u>
- <u>https://anthuriuminfo.com/en/when-to-repot-a-plant-signs/</u>

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