

Care

Care Instructions for Potted Orchid Plants

Orchids will thrive in normal household conditions. They are easy to grow and maintain. Dendrobium, Oncidium, and Phalaenopsis orchids are becoming more and more popular as house plants. The flowers last one to three months once they have bloomed. Orchids have traditionally symbolized happiness, love and friendship. Enjoy these fascinating exotic plants yourself or send them to your loved ones. Love of Aloha!

Dendrobium

The genus Dendrobium (den-DRO-bee-um) has fifteen hundred species and thousands of hybrids. There are many colors and different size flowers. The name is derived from the Greek word dendro which means tree, and bios, life.

Care: Do not expose to extreme cold or heat. Day temperatures of 55 F to 85 F are ideal. Keep in a cool and fairly dry place during fall and winter months. Place plant near a window with morning and afternoon sun. The humidity should be moderate 50% to 60%. You should water twice weekly. In summer water every other day. Avoid over watering. Feed the plant with a liquid orchid fertilizer such as Miracle Grow or Schultz orchid fertilizer (according to instructions on the label) at least once a week.

Oncidium

Oncidium are also known as Dancing Girls. Some times referred to as Hula Girls in Hawaii. There are at least three hundred species and many hybrids. Surely, this genus of flowers is very fanciful. They require little attention and will grow under many different conditions.

Care: Do not expose to extreme cold or hot. Day temperature of 65F to 75F is ideal. Keep cool and fairly dry during fall and winter months. Place plant near window with morning sun. The humidity should be moderate about 50%

Water: Give Oncidium abundant water. Three times a week. Feed your plant with liquid orchid fertilizer as Miracle Grow or Schultz orchid fertilizer at least once a week according to instruction on label.

Phalaenopsis

Phalaenopsis is also known as "Moth Orchids" or "Butterfly Orchids". The word is derived from the Greek word phalaina, which means moth and aopsis which means appearance. Phalaenopsis are easy to grow. There are 40 species and many hybrids.

Care: Phalaenopsis plants need constant temperature without the wide fluctuations day and night. The temperature range of 62 F to 85 F is ideal.

Humidity should be kept between 50% to 60%. Phalaenopsis need to be watered frequently at least three times a week. Feed the plant with liquid orchid fertilizer as Miracle Grow or Schultz orchid fertilizer, at least once a week according to instructions on label.

Care Instructions for Tropical Cut Flowers

Hawaiian tropical flowers will last longer with proper care.

- Unpack the flowers immediately.
- Trim 1/2 inch to 1 inch from the end of each stem.
- Place the flowers in a vase with clean fresh water. You may add one tea spoon of sugar as preservative.
- If the flowers are wilted, submerge whole flowers for 10 to 15 minutes in 60 to 80 degree room temperature water.

- Mist the flowers and foliage daily to prevent dehydration.
- Keep flowers away from extreme heat and cold.
- Change water and trim stems every 3 days.