

Recommended Plants List



Our team at Respira has compiled this list for Respira owners who want to take that extra step to customize their garden or those who are already advanced gardeners and have a selection of cuttings awaiting a new home!

If you are using your own plants in the Respira system, it is important to note that this will negate the warranty on certain parts within your system (see the *User Manual* for more details). The reason for this is that if the plants are not properly bare-rooted, it can cause soil to get into the system. This soil can then clog the irrigation, affect the sensors, and cause root rot. To avoid these concerns, we recommend you use 4-inch hydroponically grown plants or ensure you are thoroughly bare rooting your soil-grown plants.

If you would like to try a plant species not included in this list, you may do so. We would love to hear about any successes you have in your garden. When opting for a plant species not on this list, we recommend researching how that plant performs in a hydroponic garden setting as well as choosing plants with thicker roots.


See our recommendations below. Happy gardening!



Chinese Evergreen

Aglaonema Maria

The Chinese Evergreen is considered to be a lucky plant in many Asian countries and is a beautiful addition to any room as it can host many colours such as whites, greens, and even pinks.

 Low to medium light



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Council Tree

Ficus Altissima


The Ficus Altissima grows large emerald green leaves with pale green veins that pop in contrast.

 Bright indirect light

Dracaena - Bicolor

Dracaena Marginata

There are many varieties of Dracaena, but they are typically very easy-going plants. This particular variety has stiff upright leaves outlined with a thin strip of red that encases a band of emerald green.


 Medium light



Dracaena - Janet Craig

Dracaena Compacta

This variety of Dracaena has shiny, sword-shaped leaves in a dark green colour. It is an excellent plant for beginners as it is easy to care for.

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Dracaena - Limelight

The Limelight has bright chartreuse, glossy leaves that help brighten up a space. Like the other varieties of Dracaena, this plant is very easy-going.

 Medium light

Dwarf Umbrella Tree

Schefflera Arboricola 'Trinette'

This sturdy plant is named after its leaves which are shiny, long ovals with pointed tips that group together in a circular fashion above the stems.


 Bright light



Leopard Lily

Dieffenbachia

The Leopard Lily, or Dumb Cane, is a super popular plant as its leaves sport a range of green shades that create beautiful visual interest.

 Medium to bright light




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Neanthe Bella Palm

Chamaedorea Elegans

The Neanthe Palm grows into a nice and bushy plant, lush with its long leafy fronds. Palms are recognized in feng shui cultures for improving the balance within your home.

 Medium to bright light

 Pet safe

Painter's Palette

Anthurium Andraeanum

The Painters Palette is a beautiful plant with a bright pop of colour that can bloom all year long. Despite what is often assumed, the red heart shape is not actually a flower it's a leaf and can boast a variety of different colours including pink and orange.


 Bright light



Peace Lily

Spathiphyllum

The Peace Lily has dark, glossy leaves and produces beautiful white blooms on the ends of long stems. According to feng shui experts, this plant calms and harmonizes the energies in a space.

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Philodendron

Philodendron Bipinnatifidum

There are hundreds of species within the Philodendron genus. Their leaves are typically large, green, and glossy, adding a bit of their native tropical flair to your home.

- ☀️ Bright indirect light
- 🌱 Easy to propagate

Pothos - Ivy

Epipremnum Aureum

The Pothos Ivy, also known as Devil's Ivy, is fairly adaptable to their environment and extremely low maintenance. It's heart-shaped leaves also make it a symbol for bringing positive energy into your home.

- ☀️ Low to bright light
- 🌱 Easy to propagate



Pothos - Marble

Epipremnum Aureum

This Pothos plant is also referred to as the Marble Queen and has a bit more visual interest than the Devil's Ivy as its leaves appear to have a marbled effect.

- ☀️ Low to bright light
- 🌱 Easy to propagate






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Prayer Plant

Calathea Medallion

This plant gets its name from its round leaves with a beautiful green pattern on the top and deep burgundy colour underneath. Its name, Prayer Plant, refers to the action of lowering and raising its leaves from day to night as part of its circadian rhythm.

-  Medium light
-  Pet safe
-  Easy to propagate



Rubber Plant

Ficus Elastica

The Rubber Plant has glossy, oval leaves that often boast bold, deep colours. According to feng shui principles, it offers a calming and relaxing energy and attracts prosperity and good luck.

-  Bright light



Rubber Plant Belize

Ficus Elastica Belize

This variation of the Rubber Plant has thick, oval leaves which contain pink and cream variegation. This unique range of colours makes it the perfect addition to any home or plant palette.

-  Bright light



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Snake Plant

Dracaena trifasciata


The Snake plant has thick upright leaves that can reach up to two meters tall and are perfect for filling vertical space. This plant is ideal for beginners as it requires almost no care and it can last for years.

 Medium light


Spider Plant

Chlorophytum Comosum

The Spider plant is considered one of the most adaptable houseplants and one of the easiest to grow. It is said to reduce stress and improve concentration according to the principles of feng shui.

 Low to bright light

 Pet safe

 Easy to propagate




Swiss Cheese Plant

Monstera Deliciosa

The Monstera has recently become very popular; you've probably seen its tropical print on all sorts of decor. This plant gets its name from the holes that form in the leaf and eventually split open as the leaf matures.

 Medium to bright indirect light

 Easy to propagate

