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## ***Asparagus Fern***

**Light:** Asparagus ferns are not true ferns, but related to the Liliaceae family. Asparagus “ferns” thrive in indirect, ambient light. Too much hot, direct sun, such as a southern exposure can cause the delicate leaves to dry up and fall off. Too little sun can cause the leaves to turn yellow and fall off.

**Water:** Because Asparagus ferns are not true ferns, they do like to dry out slightly between waterings. If the soil dries out completely, most or all of the leaves will turn brown and fall off. On the other hand, keeping the soil saturated at all times can cause the roots to disintegrate leading to a similar leaf shedding.

**Environment:** A humid environment is preferred. Misting often or keeping a humidifier in the room is beneficial especially in the winter when the air is driest. Keep away from cold or hot drafts.

**Toxicity:** Parts of the plant are reported to be non-toxic, however if they produce berries, these parts of the plant are considered somewhat toxic.

### **Of Note:**

- Be cautious of sharp thorns along their stems which are used to latch onto and help climb trees in their natural habitat.
- Some common types include: *Plumosa*, *Retrofractus*, *Meyerii* “Foftail”, & *Sprengerii*  
\*When planting in a pot without a drainage hole, avoid over watering by estimating 25% of the container’s overall volume, with appropriate drainage materials incorporated when planting.