

Bromeliaceae - "Bromeliad"

Light: Bright natural light, the brighter the better. Avoid intense direct rays especially from a South or West window.

Water: Water your bromeliad about every 7-10 days. The plant is designed to gather water in its bracts, found in the central part of the plant. Pour the water directly into the well of the plant no more than halfway up the vase. Wait a few minutes, then tip the plant slightly to allow the excess water to drain out. Typically allow the top inch of the soil to dry between watering and water the soil well enough so it is slightly moist, but never thoroughly wet.

Environment: Bromeliads like warmer temperatures but should not be located near a heat or air conditioning vent. They prefer humid air and thrive in peat-moss based soil.

Toxicity: Reported to be non-toxic but not considered edible.

Of Note:

- Pineapples and Tillandsia "air plants" are in the Bromeliad family.
- Propagation: After the bromeliad blooms, the mother plant will start producing "pups" around the bottom of the plant. These young plants will grow to be another bromeliad. The original plant will start to die as the younger plants are growing.

*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.