

Dieffenbachia - "Dumb Cane"

Light: Dieffenbachia requires bright indirect light. They do not like a lot of hot, direct sunlight, as it will burn the leaves and cause the bright leaf color to fade. When the plant is not getting enough light, its leaves become small and begin to grow far apart on the stem.

Water: Water on a regular schedule, saturating the soil but allowing the excess water to drain well. Once the soil is dry about 2"-3" below the top, it is time to water again.

Environment: They prefer living in temperatures above 60 degrees. The lower leaves will turn yellow when exposed to drafts from doors, windows, and air conditioners. Extra humidity is a plus, but dieffenbachia will also do well in basic household humidity.

Toxicity: Reported to be toxic to cats and dogs. If the sap gets on your skin, wash it off immediately.

Of Note:

- Dieffenbachia likes to be a little pot-bound so its roots are contained snugly in the planter.
- Prune the canes to keep the plant bushy and prevent it from getting too top-heavy.

 *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.