



The answer to our most frequently asked orchid question!!

How to care for your beautiful phalaenopsis orchid plant

SUNLIGHT

Make sure to set your orchid in bright light, but avoid direct sun. Orchids will burn in no time if placed by a south or west-facing window--especially in summer. However, in the cooler months, move your orchid around to provide the light it needs. Think of a greenhouse that has lots of nice, natural light, with glass frosted to diffuse the direct rays of the sun. That's the exposure your orchids love!

TEMPERATURE

The ideal temperature to maintain healthy orchids is widely debated. Orchids love even temperature environments. Keep them away from air conditioning vents, direct heat, and from hot or cold drafts. Drumroll please 🥁: The ideal temperature for phalaenopsis orchids ranges between 65 and 75 degrees F.

WATERING

My preferred method for watering orchids is to gently submerge the grower pot in a pail of lukewarm tap water for several seconds, covering the soil and roots, but not the leaves. Remove the plant, allowing all the water to drain completely from the pot. I've had many questions regarding the ice cube method of watering. I hand water to ensure the plant is completely irrigated. Melted ice cubes can leave dry pockets that stress the root system.

MOSS VS. BARK

Orchids grown in bark will dry out much faster than those grown in moss, which absorbs and retains water. Water orchids potted in bark every 5-7 days. Water orchids grown in moss every 7-10 days. Water requirements are variable, so when you bring your orchid home, check the soil daily until you and your plant find the right watering rhythm!



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