

# Houseplants

## HOUSEPLANT WARNING SIGNS

### TOO MUCH WATER

Tips and edges of leaves turn brown  
Lower leaves turn yellow and fall  
Leaves of succulents & cacti become bloated  
Soft brown or black area on leaves  
Brown papery patches on leaves  
Rotting leaves, stems and rosettes  
In resting period leaves turn yellow and fall  
New leaves are soft and pale

### NOT ENOUGH WATER

Leaves and stems wilt  
Lower leaves dry up and fall  
Brown crisp spots on leaves  
Buds drop off  
Flowers die quickly  
Leaves of succulents and stems of cacti shrivel  
In growing period leaves turn brown  
All leaves drop off

### NOT WARM ENOUGH

Leaves turn brown  
Leaves may curl and fall  
Leaves turn yellow during resting period  
Leaves drop during resting period  
Leaves translucent and shriveled

### TOO WARM

Leaves and buds wilt and drop  
Leaves droop  
Leaves shrivel and turn brown  
Flowers fall prematurely  
Cacti, succulents and other plants fail to flower if kept too warm in winter

### OVERFEEDING

Excessive leaf growth and few flowers or none  
Soft pappy growth (excess of nitrogen)  
Crisp brown spots on leaves and edges turning brown  
White crusty deposits on clay pots

### UNDERFEEDING

Pale leaves (lack of nitrogen)  
Weak stems, stunted leaves with purple blotches  
Few flowers, edges of leaves brittle and brown  
Yellowing of leaves, but not of veins

### TOO MUCH LIGHT

Browning leaves and curling tips  
Yellow or brown spots or patches on leaves  
Leaves turn yellow and dull  
Leaves wilt in direct sun and young leaves suffer sun

### TOO LITTLE LIGHT

Weak, lanky growth with longer gaps between leaves  
Variegated leaves lose variegations and turn green  
New leaves are smaller  
Plant makes no flowers, buds drop before they open

### AIR TOO DRY & HOT

Leaves shrivel or wilt  
Tips of leaves turn brown  
Leaves drop  
Buds drop

### AIR TOO MOIST

Gray mold on leaves  
Rotting stems and leaves of cacti and succulents

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