

Care for our indoor plants



General Rule: Everyone is responsible for the plants on their desk.

(If that is a worry – just let the designated person know who will take care of them as well as other plants in the common areas and do the seasonal activities like fertilising for all the plants.)

Watering: RULE OF THUMB for these plants: Water ONCE a week.

- one stainless steel water bottle full for the medium plants (500ml)
- two bottles for the large plants (1 litre)
- ½ a bottle for the small plants. (250ml)



(Water near the stem of the large plants to stay within the inner pot)

More plants are killed by over-watering than under-watering so check to see if your plant needs to be watered. The best way to do this is simply push your finger into the soil to the second knuckle, and if the soil feels dry, water the plant and if it feels moist, don't. If the tips of leaves are browning, chances are it is being **over** watered! Never let your plant sit in a saucer of water as it can kill the plant.

Dust: One of the challenges with indoor plants is an accumulation of dust on their foliage. A simple solution is to put them outside in the rain for a wash. Plants love it! Otherwise large leaves can be wiped over with a damp cloth.

Dead leaves: Please remove dead leaves etc. when you notice them – when we get a compost bin, they can be put in there.

Fertilizer: This will be done a few times a year with a solution that will take the place of the weekly watering.

Repotting: Will be done when necessary.

Pests: Scale and mealy bug: These are two common pests that affect indoor plants, particularly if the plants are under stress. Scale can be identified as tiny brown inanimate lumps. If only a few are present, they can be scratched/wiped off. However, if the plant is thoroughly infected the designated person will use “eco oil”.

