

GENERAL GUIDE TO REPOTTING HOUSEPLANTS

IS IT TIME TO REPOT?

It is likely time if...

The plant is in a plastic pot, and it feels solid with no give when squeezed.

A mat of roots is growing through the bottom of the pot.

A mass of roots is visible at the soil surface or creeping over the pot.

When the plant is removed from the pot, there are more roots than soil.

You should wait if...

The plant was recently purchased.

If your plant is new, wait! It needs time to acclimate to its new home.

You are looking to put the plant in a larger pot for "room to grow."

If repotted before needed it is very easy to overwater which can lead to root rot.

The plant looks stressed or wilted.

Repotting can be stressful too, don't overload what the plant can handle.

STEP BY STEP GUIDE

- 1 Water thoroughly 1 - 2 days before repotting.
- 2 Gently remove the plant from pot.
- 3 Carefully loosen root ball. Remove any damaged or rotted roots.
- 4 Place plant in clean pot and fill with new soil until all roots are covered.
- 5 Water well so the fresh soil is moist.



TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Use a pot with a drainage hole.

Repot in spring. This gives roots time to recover before the summer growing season.

Repot before or after flowering to reduce stress.

After repotting, wait to fertilize. Most soils already have fertilizer in them.

The new pot should only be 1 to 2 sizes larger than the previous one.

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