

# BROMELIAD CARE

Bromeliaceae are a large family of plants native to the rain forests of Mexico, Central and South America including Earth Stars, Tillandsias, Bromeliads and even the Pineapple. They gather nutrients from the air instead of soil and in their native land are seen hanging from branches and trees.

**Care.** Bromeliads can live well inside the house or outside during the summer months. The main precaution outside is too much sunlight – Bromeliads will burn if given direct sunlight. Inside they can tolerate low light, although bloom color will last longer with brighter, indirect light. Although they only bloom once, during or after blooming, Bromeliads put off new plants called pups. Once pups are large enough, they can be separated from the mother plant and will produce their own flower.

**For Bromeliads.** Plant in soil, allow the surface to dry down and then water well. In their native habitat, Bromeliads catch and store water in their center funnel, but inside the home, with our low humidity, watering this way can easily rot the plant.

**To water Tillandsias.** Mist or dunk in water 1-2 times per week.



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