



The Unkillable Houseplant Cheat Sheet

*Keep any plant alive — even if you've killed every one
before.*

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The 10 hardest plants to kill

Most "plant killers" are just doing a few small things wrong. Start with these ten — they're famously forgiving — and match each one to the light & water below. Print it, screenshot it, stick it on the fridge.

Plant	Light	Water	One thing to know
Snake Plant	Low → bright	Every 2–4 wks	Hates wet feet — when in doubt, wait
Pothos	Low → bright indirect	When top 2" dry	Grows anywhere; roots in water for free plants
ZZ Plant	Low → medium	Every 2–3 wks	Thrives on neglect
Spider Plant	Bright indirect	Weekly-ish	Makes "babies" you can replant
Aloe Vera	Bright	Every 2–3 wks	A succulent — go easy on water
Philodendron	Medium → bright indirect	When top dries	Fast, forgiving, gorgeous trailer
Peace Lily	Low → medium	When it droops	Tells you when it's thirsty, then perks up
Rubber Plant	Bright indirect	When top 2" dry	Wipe leaves to keep them glossy
Cast Iron Plant	Low	When dry	Nearly indestructible, slow & steady
Dracaena	Medium → bright indirect	When top dries	Use filtered water if tips brown

The 5 Golden Rules

Get these five right and you've handled 90% of plant care.

- 1 **Underwater, don't overwater.** More plants die from too much water than too little. Let the soil dry out.
- 2 **Drainage or death.** Always use a pot with a hole. Soggy roots rot.
- 3 **Match the light.** "Bright indirect" = near a window, not baking in direct sun.
- 4 **Don't repot too soon.** Most plants like being a little snug. Wait for roots poking out the bottom.
- 5 **Wipe the leaves.** Dusty leaves can't breathe. A quick wipe = a happier plant.

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The 5-Tool Starter Kit

 **Soil moisture meter** — never guess about watering again

 **Well-draining potting mix + perlite** — the #1 rot preventer

 **Pots with drainage holes** — non-negotiable

 **Snips / pruning shears** — clean cuts = healthy plants

 **A grow light** — for dim rooms & winter

When in doubt: the watering rule

Stick your finger **2 inches** into the soil.

Dry? → Water thoroughly.

Still damp? → Wait 2-3 days.

That single habit will save more plants than anything else. Promise. 🌿

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