

## PLANT CARE GUIDE

### ANANAS COMOSUS

(ah-NAH-nas kom-OH-sus)

#### COMMON NAMES:

Pineapple

**FAMILY:** Bromeliaceae **ORIGIN:** South America

GROWTH	Upward, bushlike
LIGHT	Bright
WATER	Barely moist
HUMIDITY	50% - 75%
TEMPERATURE	18°C - 32°C
SOIL	Free draining mix
CONTAINER	Small planter with drainage, irrigated bed
NUTRIENTS	5-10-5 when fruit is forming
PROPAGATION	Seed, removal of offsets, or rooting of leafy fruit top
INTERIORESCAPE USE	Desktop, tropical themed atrium
COMMON PESTS	Mealybugs, Aphids, Spider Mites, Scale, Thrips.

COMMON ISSUES	Root rot when overwater, scorch marks in direct sun.
COMMENTS	Fruit is grown commercially in the tropics and plants are used in landscape and interiorscape. Variegated and red coloured plants also available.
TOXICITY	Poisonous by dermatitis, or ingestion of large quantities of raw pineapple and/or sap from leaves. Symptoms may include mild skin irritation from contact with juice; possibility of cuts from sharp-pointed leaves; irritation to the eyes from splashed juice; irritation of mouth, lips, and tongue.