

PLANT CARE GUIDE

ALOE VERA

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COMMON NAMES:

Aloe, Medicinal Aloe, Medicine Plant, True Aloe, Burn Aloe, First Aid Plant, Barbados Aloe, Chinese Aloe, Indian Aloe

FAMILY: Aloeaceae **ORIGIN:** Tropical and Southern Africa

GROWTH	Clumping
LIGHT	Full sun
WATER	When completely dry
HUMIDITY	Not required
TEMPERATURE	18°C +
SOIL	Cactus mix
CONTAINER	Wide planter with drainage
NUTRIENTS	10-5-5 Monthly in Spring & Summer
PROPAGATION	Seed or removal of offsets
INTERIORESCAPE USE	Desktop, Desert-themed atrium
COMMON PESTS	Mealybugs, Aphids, Spider Mites, Scale, Thrips.

COMMON ISSUES	Root rot when overwatered. Leaves may break inside causing a drooping look.
COMMENTS	The gel inside the leaves has many uses. The plant creates this gel to help it store water during droughts. Humans use this gel to remedy burns, moisturize skin, and counter acne. It is also used in desserts, yogurts, and beverages. Aloe rarely flowers indoors, but when grown outdoors the attractive flower stalk is an added benefit to this already versatile plant.
TOXICITY	Non-toxic and safe