



GROWING CACTI & SUCCULENTS

Cacti and succulents are popular because of their drought tolerance but also because their structural good looks are so well suited to modern gardens.

Guide to growing cacti & succulents:

- Most cacti grow in open, sunny positions protected from excess humidity.
- They prefer open, sandy, well-drained potting mix or soil.
- Some of the tree-dwelling epiphytic cacti (such as zygocactus) need semi-shade and more humidity.
- Epiphytic cacti are often grown in hanging baskets.
- Cactus growth slows down in cooler weather, and watering should be reduced during cool months.
- The term 'succulent' refers to a plant's ability to store water.
- Succulents are very adaptable and will grow in a wide range of situations.
- Cacti and succulents tend to be slow growing.
- Fertilise cacti and succulents during the growing season with Thrive Liquid Concentrate Cacti & Succulent Plant Food.
- Most cacti benefit from an annual light dressing of Yates Dolomite Lime

Tips for potted cacti & succulents

- Pot into Thrive Cacti & Succulent Potting Mix to guarantee good drainage.
- Feed during growing season with Thrive Concentrate Cacti & Succulent Plant Food.
- When handling cacti wear gloves and use a loop of folded newspaper to grip and lift the plant.
- Handle gently – cacti are very susceptible to root damage.
- Mulch with a layer of gravel or quartz.

Pest & disease control

- Mealybugs – these small, fluffy-coated sucking pests flourish in dry conditions. Treat with Confidor.
- Scale insects – spray with PestOil or Confidor. Avoid treating during hot weather.
- Fungal rots – spray with Yates Anti Rot.

Shopping list

- Thrive Liquid Concentrate Cacti & Succulent Plant Food
- Yates Dolomite
- Thrive Cacti & Succulent Potting Mix
- Confidor
- PestOil
- Yates Anti Rot

Cacti & succulent care calendar

Autumn	Winter	Spring	Summer
Reduce watering as cold weather approaches.	Allow plants to dry out well between watering.	Fertilise plants in pots and containers.	Check for pests and diseases.