

HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR

Homalomena Emerald Gem

Care Guide

Homalomena rubescens

DID YOU KNOW?

Homalomena Emerald Gem is native to *tropical Asia and South America*, growing in shaded, warm, and humid rainforests. This gives it wonderful tolerance for indoor conditions and relative low-light adaptability.

BEFORE YOU START · POTTING TIP

Every Moontime Homalomena Emerald Gem is **nursery-grown & pest-free**. Use a well-draining standard potting mix with perlite. A pot with drainage holes is essential.

Propagate by **division in spring** when repotting. Separate rooted offshoots and pot individually in fresh mix. Keep warm and humid while establishing.

LIGHT	WATER	HUMIDITY	TEMP	PET SAFE	DIFFICULTY
Medium Indirect	Top 1-2in Dry	Moderate	65–85°F	Toxic	Easy

Light

MEDIUM INDIRECT LIGHT. PERFORMS BEAUTIFULLY IN LOWER-LIGHT CONDITIONS THAT WOULD CHALLENGE MANY OTHER PLANTS. AVOID DIRECT SUNLIGHT.

Direct sunlight can bleach those gorgeous glossy leaves. One of the best options for interior rooms.

- Medium indirect is ideal
- No direct sunlight
- Tolerates low light well
- Great for interior rooms
- Best low-light tropical

Water

ALLOW THE TOP 1–2 INCHES TO DRY BETWEEN WATERINGS. THOROUGH WATERING WITH FULL DRAINAGE. MORE DROUGHT-TOLERANT THAN MANY TROPICALS.

More drought-tolerant than many tropicals. Water thoroughly and drain fully.

- Top 1-2 inches dry first
- Thorough watering
- Full drainage always
- Drain fully after watering
- Somewhat drought-tolerant

Humidity

MODERATE — AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD HUMIDITY IS GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE, THOUGH SHE'LL BE EVEN HAPPIER WITH A LITTLE EXTRA MOISTURE IN THE AIR.

Average household humidity works. A little extra moisture makes her even happier.

- Average humidity is fine
- Extra moisture is a bonus
- No special needs
- Adapts to most homes
- Happier with a little extra

Temperature

PREFERS 65–85°F (18–29°C). KEEP AWAY FROM COLD DRAFTS AND COLD WINDOWS IN WINTER.

Keep in a stable warm location. Sensitive to cold drafts.

- No cold drafts
- Keep away from cold windows
- Warm year-round
- 65–85°F is the sweet spot

Soil

A WELL-DRAINING STANDARD POTTING MIX WITH PERLITE. SIMPLE AND EFFECTIVE FOR THIS EASY-GOING TROPICAL PLANT.

Standard potting mix with perlite works perfectly.

- Standard potting mix
- Add perlite for drainage
- Simple and effective
- Well-draining is key

Fertilizer

FEED EVERY 4–6 WEEKS IN SPRING AND SUMMER WITH A BALANCED LIQUID FERTILIZER. NONE IN FALL AND WINTER WHEN THE PLANT IS RESTING.

Balanced liquid fertilizer during growing season only.

- Every 4-6 weeks spring/summer
- Balanced liquid formula
- Skip fall and winter
- Do not over-fertilize

REPOTTING

Propagate by division in spring when repotting. Separate rooted offshoots and pot individually in fresh mix. Keep warm and humid.

COMMON PROBLEMS & SOLUTIONS

	CAUSE	SOLUTION
Yellow Leaves	Usually overwatering is the cause.	Let soil dry more between waterings.
Brown Tips	Low humidity or salt buildup in soil.	Flush soil occasionally and boost humidity.
Leggy Growth	Too little light reaching the plant.	Move to a brighter indirect spot.
Mealybugs	White, cottony pests in leaf folds.	Treat with neem oil or rubbing alcohol.
Root Rot	Consistently wet soil without drainage.	Improve drainage and reduce watering.

MOONTIME TIP

Homalomena Emerald Gem is pure glossy, deep-green indulgence — its thick waxy leaves reflect light beautifully. A fantastic plant for adding texture and depth to any cozy home!

PET SAFETY

Homalomena Emerald Gem is toxic to pets and humans. Contains calcium oxalate crystals. Keep away from cats, dogs, and children.