East Bay Nursery

Cast Iron Plant

Aspidistra elatior

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 8b

Other Names: Bar Room Plant

Description:

This variety is as tough as its name implies; dark green blade like foliage forms in rosettes and masses to make an excellent deep shade container accent; a very tolerant plant that is easy to grow and maintain; a perfect house plant



Cast Iron Plant foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Features & Attributes

Cast Iron Plant's attractive sword-like leaves remain dark green in color throughout the year on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth.

This is a dense herbaceous evergreen houseplant with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its wonderfully bold, coarse texture is quite ornamental and should be used to full effect. This plant should not require much pruning, except when necessary to keep it looking its best.



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Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Cast Iron Plant can be expected to grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. This houseplant performs well in both bright or indirect sunlight and strong artificial light, and can therefore be situated in almost any well-lit room or location. It does best in average to evenly moist soil, but will not tolerate standing water. The surface of the soil shouldn't be allowed to dry out completely, and so you should expect to water this plant once and possibly even twice each week. Be aware that your particular watering schedule may vary depending on its location in the room, the pot size, plant size and other conditions; if in doubt, ask one of our experts in the store for advice. It is not particular as to soil type or pH; an average potting soil should work just fine.

There are many factors that will affect the ultimate height, spread and overall performance of a plant when grown indoors; among them, the size of the pot it's growing in, the amount of light it receives, watering frequency, the pruning regimen and repotting schedule. Use the information described here as a guideline only; individual performance can and will vary. Please contact the store to speak with one of our experts if you are interested in further details concerning recommendations on pot size, watering, pruning, repotting, etc.