East Bay Nursery

Rubber Tree

Ficus elastica

Height: 7 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 10a

Other Names: Rubber Plant, Rubber Fig

Description:

An ornamental accent plant producing large, oval, glossy green leaves; in frost free areas this variety can grow quite large; a popular houseplant in colder climates

Features & Attributes

Rubber Tree's attractive glossy oval leaves remain dark green in color throughout the year on a plant with a round habit of growth.

This is a multi-stemmed evergreen houseplant with a more or less rounded form. This plant may benefit from an occasional pruning to look its best.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Rubber Tree can be expected to grow to be about 7 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 50 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 prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and may die if left in standing water for any length of time. This plant should be watered when the surface of the soil gets dry, and will need watering approximately once 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.



Rubber Tree foliage
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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.