East Bay Nursery

Cat Palm

Chamaedorea cataractarum

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 10b

Description:

A popular, bushy palm that is low maintenance; graceful fronds arch out from central stems, creating an elegant patio or garden setting; do not overwater; a perfect indoor accent that is great for medium light areas

Features & Attributes

Cat Palm's attractive narrow pinnately compound leaves remain dark green in color throughout the year on a plant with an arching habit of growth.

This is an open multi-stemmed evergreen houseplant with a shapely form and gracefully arching foliage. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other indoor plants with less refined foliage. This plant should not require much pruning, except when necessary to keep it looking its best.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Cat Palm can be expected to grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It grows at a slow 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.



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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.