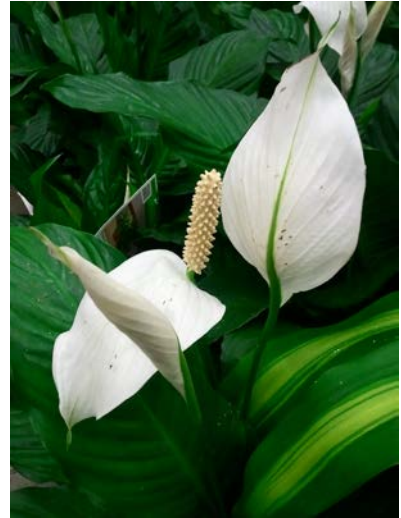


## Peace Lily

Peace Lily is one of the more common of the tropical house plants in America. Its correct botanical name is Spathiphyllum. It is often seen in offices and homes growing beautifully in the indirect light. For a little history, the Peace Lily is not really a lily; it was just similar to the white lily. Peace Lilies are often associated with peace, purity and innocence. But some in the new age movement say they harmonize conflicts and help with negativity. Despite what one may say they do, we all know they are pleasing to the eye and bring beauty to any room.



**Size:** They come in all heights from very small to 8 foot depending on variety.

**Exposure:** Indirect diffused light.

**How to Plant:** Best planted in pots with loose, well drained soil and kept indoors in our climate.

**Pruning:** Just remove dead or dry leaves.

**Water:** Water weekly and keep moist, but not soggy. Let dry out a little before watering.

**Fertilization:** Feed weekly with ½ strength diluted liquid fertilizer.

**Soil:** Peace Lilies prefer a rich, loose, fibrous potting mix.

**Propagation:** From divisions of the crown.

**Snapshot:** The Peace Lily is very simple to care for. Place it several feet away from the window to receive indirect light. It even does well with fluorescent lights. They like warm and moist conditions, which mean lots of humidity. Place a pebble filled tray with water underneath to increase humidity. They will tolerate regular household temperatures, but like it between 65 - 80 degrees. One watering tip; wait until it starts to droop before watering. The Peace Lily is not only tough, but it is on the list of the “Top 10 Household Air Cleaning Plants” so it’s perfect for any home or office. Caution: the Peace Lily contains a chemical that can irritate the mouth, so take care with small children or pets.

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