Nephrolepis exaltata

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Common Names: Boston Fern, Sword Fern

Family: Oleandraceae Origin: Tropical Americas

Growth: Clumping

Light: Low

Foot Candles: 50 - 100 Water: Keep evenly moist Humidity: 40% - 75% Temperature: 18°C - 28°C

Soil: Regular potting mix

Container: Hanging basket, living wall,

self-watering planter

Nutrients: 10-10-10 Monthly

Propagation: Spore, tissue culture, division Interiorscape Use: Living walls, filler for interior beds, low-maintenance plant

Common Pests: Mealybugs, Aphids, Spider Mites, Scale, Thrips.

Common Issues: Root rot when sitting in water. Cold drafts cause brown tips, full-sun can scorch leaves. Chemical pesticides may burn leaves, use soap if needed.

Comments: Very versatile plant capable of withstanding some neglect. One of the most common houseplants. Will spread under the soil with rhizomes if planted in an interior bed. Rhizomes may also be seen growing out of the drainage holes if left root-bound for long periods of time.

Toxicity: Safe.

