

Aloe vera

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Common Names: Aloe, Medicinal Aloe, Medicine Plant, True Aloe, Burn Aloe, First Aid Plant, Barbados Aloe, Chinese Aloe, Indian Aloe

Family: Aloeaceae

Origin: Tropical and Southern Africa

Growth: Clumping

Light: Full sun

Foot Candles: 250+

Water: When completely dry

Humidity: Not required

Temperature: 18°C+

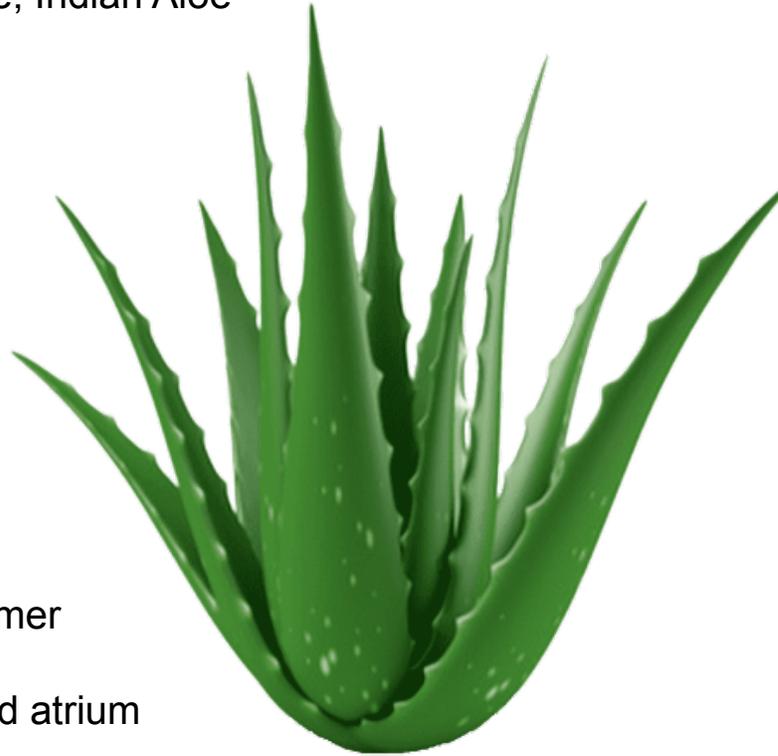
Soil: Cactus mix

Container: Wide planter with drainage

Nutrients: 10-5-5 Monthly in Spring & Summer

Propagation: Seed or removal of offsets

Interiorscape Use: Desktop, Desert-themed atrium

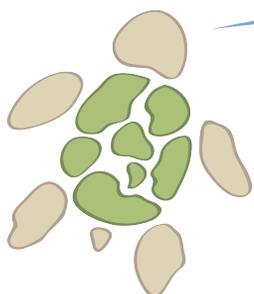


Common Pests: Mealybugs, Aphids, Spider Mites, Scale, Thrips.

Common Issues: Root rot when overwatered. Leaves may break inside causing a drooping look.

Comments: The gel inside the leaves has many uses. The plant creates this gel to help it store water during droughts. Humans use this gel to remedy burns, moisturize skin, and counter acne. It is also used in desserts, yogurts, and beverages. Aloe rarely flowers indoors, but when grown outdoors the attractive flower stalk is an added benefit to this already versatile plant.

Toxicity: Safe.



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