

# How to Care for Your *Money Tree Plant*

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Money tree plants may not bring you instant wealth, but with proper care, they make any room rich in beauty. Their braided trunk (which is actually five small trees woven together) gives them a unique appearance. They are also rumored to bring good luck and prosperity, making them a great gift.

Best of all, they're easy to maintain and with proper care, they'll thrive for years. Follow these simple tips to keep your money tree green.

*just add ice*<sup>®</sup>

# Bringing Your Money Tree Plant Home

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## *Light*

Money trees can thrive indoors or outside (provided the temperature doesn't fall below 55 degrees Fahrenheit) and like moderate sunlight. If you are planting your money tree outside, choose an area where it will have several hours of exposure to both sun and shade each day. Avoid too much direct sunlight, which can burn the leaves. If your tree will live indoors, find a place where there is natural light and rotate the tree periodically toward the light to keep leaves growing evenly.



## *Watering*

Your money tree needs plenty of water, but make sure it gets adequate drainage as well. Keep it in its original soil, rather than repotting it, as the soil will allow it to drain properly. Avoid overwatering, which can cause the roots to rot.

For the 5-inch money tree, use two ice cubes or 3 tablespoons of water once a week.



## *Temperature*

Your money tree will thrive at room temperature—between 65 and 75 degrees F. Because it's accustomed to a tropical climate, it can withstand the heat but won't do as well in the cold.

So, unless you live in a tropical climate, keep your money tree indoors.

# Supporting Your Money Tree Plant

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## Money Tree Plant Facts

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- » According to legend, the money tree got its name when a man prayed for money and discovered he could grow several trees from one, allowing him to become rich.
- » Money trees can grow up to 7 feet tall!
- » Money trees are popular with feng shui practitioners, who believe the plants create positive energy.
- » Money trees typically have five to six leaves on each stem.
- » It's rare to find a money tree with seven leaves on each stem; if you find one, hang onto it because it could bring you good luck.



## Pruning

Prune browning leaves throughout the year to encourage growth. To keep your money tree's shape, prune leaves that grow outside of its general shape, or toward the top of the tree. This will encourage the growth of bushy foliage and a more tree-like appearance.



## Repotting

Repot your money tree every two to three years during spring, or if you notice your tree seems overly thirsty.



## Fertilizing

Your money tree should be fertilized once in the spring and once in the fall with time-release money tree fertilizer.



## Pests

Money trees are not susceptible to bugs, but if they do attract them, spray the leaves with a solution of dish soap and warm water. Rinse leaves with clean water and repeat as needed.