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## Air Plants

### **What are Air Plants?**

Air Plants are epiphytes that grow off of trees and other structures in the wild. They are called Air Plants because they get most of their nutrients from the air. They do, however, require care. See below to see what these amazing plants need to thrive!

### **Air Plant Care:**

Air Plant care is pretty easy—that's what makes them such a popular plant to buy from our shop! For optimal care, we recommend soaking Air Plants in cooler room-temperature water. We soak them *once a week for about 20-30 minutes*. You can do this in a cup, bowl, or sink, depending on the size of your plants and how many you have. Fun fact: Jenni takes our largest Air Plants home to soak in her tub since we have so many.

It's important to soak your Air Plants fronds down, rather than by the roots. Your Air Plant actually is going to absorb nutrients from its fronds! Once you have soaked your Air Plants they will also need to dry facedown on a towel. This allows any water that may be trapped in its crevices to drip out. We usually dry them at least a few hours before putting them back where they go.

If you are fertilizing your Air Plants, you can mix the fertilizer right into the water you use to soak them. We do sell Air Plant fertilizer at Retreat. Feel free to ask one of us about this!

### **Where do they go?**

Air Plants can go basically anywhere you want, just make sure they are getting plenty of light (bright indirect, or home/office florescent lighting works great). We sell a variety of popular Air Plant pots and hangers at Retreat, but you could also use any kind of tray or vessel that you already have at home. You can get creative with these easy-going plants! No matter where you decide to put them, you do want to make sure they are not in contact with dirt. Otherwise, have fun with them!

Hope you enjoy your Air Plant!