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BONSAI CARE TIPS:

Placement

Place your bonsai indoors in a bright spot with plenty of light, but not direct sun. Avoid hot and cold drafts.

Watering

The bonsai must be checked daily and never allowed to dry out, but at the same time, must not be kept soggy and wet. Over-watering and under-watering are equally harmful to the plant. A moisture meter can be invaluable.

There are two watering methods. In the first, water on the soil slowly until water just flows out of the drainage holes. In the second, submerge the pot in a pan or sink filled with water for about 5 minutes.

Humidity

Most Bonsai like it fairly humid. Daily misting is beneficial.

Fertilizing

Bonsai need fertilizer during the growing season, which is usually from April through October. Use a houseplant fertilizer or 20-10-20 every 2 weeks. The bonsai only needs fertilizer every 6-8 weeks in the fall and winter.

After repotting or root pruning, wait 6 weeks before fertilizing.

Repotting

Repot the bonsai when the roots have completely filled the pot (this may take 3 or more years). Just before the new growth starts in spring is an excellent time to repot. Cut away approximately 1/3 of the roots. Add fresh soil and put back in the old pot, or select a new one.

Plants for Bonsai

Tropical plants, herbs, cactus, succulents, scented geraniums as well as evergreens make good indoor bonsai trees.