

Fiddle Leaf Fig Care

(Ficus Lyrata)

Ficus Lyrata, commonly known as the fiddle-leaf fig, is a species of flowering plant in the mulberry and fig family Moraceae. It is native to western Africa, from Cameroon west to Sierra Leone, where it grows in lowland tropical rainforest. Think about the plants natural environment and try your best to recreate its environment.

Most plants in the Ficus family are very sensitive. Most plants in this family do not like to be overwatered, or moved and need very bright light to survive! Try to leave your plant alone, it doesn't like attention. Here are some useful tips to be successful while caring for your new Ficus Lyrata.

Watering: 9 out of 10 times when someone comes to me with a problem about their Ficus Lyrata it's from over watering! Usually I recommend watering this plant once every two weeks at the most, and once a month at the least! Watering usually depends on your houses temperature and humidity levels. Wait to water until you feel about half the plants soil is dry.

When watering the plant, use water that's been sitting with an open top for over 24 hours, or rain water. Water the plant a little at a time, till you see water start to drain out of the bottom of your pot. (Make sure the pot your Ficus Lyrata is in has at least one drainage hole)

Light: The Ficus Lyrata loves its light! Make sure this plant is in a bright spot by a window. This plant can even take part morning sun. If the Ficus Lyrata does not have enough light you will not see new growth, your plant will become leggy, and you may even see some leafs yellowing. (Yellowing leafs can mean a number of things) Before purchasing your Ficus Lyrata, make sure your spot has enough light! This plant does not like to be moved and may lose its leafs if you move it constantly for the right lighting.

Temperature: Keep your plant in temps between 55-90 degrees F. Warm weather promotes new growth, so on a nice warm day stick your Ficus Lyrata out on the porch for some fresh air! Keep the humidity up by spraying it with a spray bottle every other day, or filling a saucer with rocks under the plant and keeping the rocks damp. Humidity plays a huge roll in new growth for your plant.

Fertilizing: Fertilize this plant with Microlife liquid seaweed! Fertilize this plant twice a year, measured as directed on the back of the Microlife bottle.

Repotting: The Ficus Lyrata does not like to be moved or messed with period. Repot this plant only when it absolutely needs to be repotted. When you see roots start to appear at the top of the soil and along the trunk of the plant, you know it's time! Make sure your new pot has a drainage hole. One of the best potting soils for your Ficus Lyrata is Fox Farm Ocean Forest. This soil does not clump allowing for water to drain as needed, and contains tropical fertilizers.

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