

Houseplant Care

Before Planting

Before planting, soil choice is a first consideration:

ferti•lome® Ultimate Potting Mix is the best soil for all plants, if you want one soil for everything.

ferti•lome® African Violet Mix is for Violets and related plants.

ferti•lome® Cactus Mix is a special mix for fast drainage yet heavy enough for Cactus.

ferti•lome® Succulent Mix is a special mix for succulents that drains quickly, yet holds moisture.

ferti•lome® Interior & Foliage Mix is a special mix for Tropical and Foliage plants, also offers quick drainage.

Use **ferti•lome® Horticultural Charcoal** to reduce odors and toxins from cheap (miracle) soils and use to neutralize toxins in the soil from fertilizers and water.

At Planting

To increase roots and establishment of cuttings, use **ferti•lome® Rooting Powder**. This plant hormone will cause cuttings to quickly establish numerous roots.

To decrease transplant shock and further increase rooting, use **ferti•lome® Root Stimulator**. Make 3 applications 10 to 14 days apart.

Fertilizer

Apply **ferti•lome® 20-20-20 All Purpose Water Soluble Plant Food** to feed indoor plants. Apply a light application monthly, increase as spring approaches.

Use **ferti•lome® 20-20-20 All Purpose Water Soluble Plant Food** at a half rate for Cactus and Succulents.

For people who prefer a natural fertilizer, **ferti•lome® Fish Emulsion Fertilizer** is a lower-odor fish emulsion that is the secret of many houseplant growers.

Fungus and Bacteria

For fungus and a natural choice, use **Natural Guard® Brand by ferti•lome® Copper Soap**, applying when new leaves emerge and repeating at 7 to 10 day intervals until control is achieved.

Many bacterial issues occur in houseplants due to over watering. Treat these with **Natural Guard® Brand by ferti•lome® Copper Soap**. Apply around the base of the plant, repeat 7 to 10 days.

When you are not sure what your problem is, **ferti•lome® Triple Action Plus** is your choice that is a combination Fungicide, Insecticide and Miticide. Always apply at least twice in 7 to 14 days. Treat the leaves, stems and soil, this will suffocate adults, eggs and nymphs.

Insects

ferti•lome® Indoor/Outdoor is a great choice for spraying on houseplants. Apply to foliage, spraying the underside of the leaves, stems and the soil. This also works great as a fumigation spray—cover the plant, reach under the cover and spray and let set for 10 to 15 minutes before removing the cover. **Hi-Yield® Systemic Insect Granules** is also a great insect preventer. Apply to the soil every 6 to 8 months.

