

Schefflera Amate

Schefflera plants are native to Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. They are often called Umbrella trees because of their large, shiny, dark green leaves that spiral out like the spokes of an umbrella. Each leaf grows at the end of a long stem that consists of several smaller leaflets. A Schefflera Amate requires less light and is more resistant to spider mites. Schefflera plants are poisonous and should be kept away from pets and children.

Light: They prefer bright, indirect light which helps them grow faster and produce more leaves.

Water: Allow the top 1" of the soil to become nearly dry before watering again. Leaves will droop when dry and this is a good indication that the plant needs water.

Fertilizing: Fertilize monthly in the Spring and Summer when the plant is actively growing with a well-balanced houseplant food diluted to ½ the recommended strength. During the Fall and Winter only feed the plant every other month, but only if its producing new leaves.



Tips:

- Basic household humidity or higher is fine. If the air is very dry, place your Schefflera on a tray of pebbles and water. Be sure that the plant is sitting on the pebbles and not in the water.
- Schefflera plants prefer temperatures between 65°-80°F. They do not do well in temperatures below 55°F.
- Keep Scheffleras away from cold drafts and heaters.