Ravenea rivularis

Majesty Palm or Majestic Palm

To thrive indoors, your majesty palm loves six to eight hours of bright light per day. One key to growing majesty palm indoors is to never let the soil dry completely; this palm comes from spots along streams and rivers.

**Light:** Majesty Palms can adapt to low light levels but will be happiest in a sunny spot in your home. Avoid extended exposure to direct sunlight, as it may scorch the leaves. Your palm will thrive indoors if they receive approximately 46 hours of bright, indirect light per day.

**Water:** Maintaining the correct soil moisture is key to keeping your palm happy and healthy. The soil should be constantly moist, but not soggy. Never let the soil dry out completely or sit in water. Make sure that the soil can drain properly through the drain holes at the bottom of the pot. Brown tips mean the plant needs more water and yellow tips usually mean the plant has been overwatered or roots are sitting in water. A good, weekly soak is recommended.

**Fertilizing:** For best results, use a general houseplant fertilizer that includes iron every 2-3 months in the spring and summer. Give a pinch of Epsom salts once a month to supply adequate magnesium. No fertilizer is necessary during the winter months—it’s important to give your palm a chance to rest during the cooler time of year.

**TIPS:** Majesty Palms do best in high humidity, but can grow well in basic household humidity. If you wish to provide your palm with additional moisture, mist the fronds weekly.

Protect your palm from cold drafts from windows, air conditioning vents, or doors. This plant can tolerate a low of 40 degrees, but prefers normal room temperatures between 65-80 degrees.

Quickly remove any fronds that turn brown or yellow. Doing so improves the look of your plant and allows a clean space and more energy for new leaf growth. The brown fronds do not necessarily indicate a problem if it is being watered properly. Like other palm trees, the fronds on your Majesty Palm will eventually turn brown and die.