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Commonly Used House Plants by Light and Water Needs

Light Needed	Low Frequency Watering* (e.g., once/week or ten days)	Moderate Frequency Watering*
Low (e.g., dark corners, rooms with few or no windows, rooms with tinted windows)	Chinese Evergreen (i.e., <i>Aglaonema</i>)** Dracaena/Corn Plant - Janet Craig Variegated Dracaena – Jumbo Warneckii, Lemon/Lime Warneckii, Dragon Series Philodendron – Cordatum, Xanadu, etc. Pothos (less light, less variegation) ZZ Palm**	Natal Mahogany Palm – Bamboo Palm – Kentia Palm – Lady Finger (i.e., <i>Rhapis</i>) Palm – Parlor (i.e., <i>Neanthebella</i>) Peace Lily (i.e., <i>Spathophyllum</i>)
Bright Indirect (e.g., light through blinds or thin curtains) or East Window/Morning Sun	Aralia Arboracola Dieffenbachia Dracaena/Corn Plant Ivy – Grape, Oak Podocarpus (i.e., Buddhist Pine) Sanseveria (i.e., Snake Plant, Mother-in-Law's Tongue) Spider Plant Shrimp Plant Streptocarpus Cactus – Christmas, most others Succulents	African Violet Amaryllis (must have dormancy) Antherium Bird of Paradise – White Bromeliad Caladium (but indefinite life) Fern Goldfish Plant Ivy Orchid Palm - Majesty Prayer Plant Stromanthe
Bright (e.g., window with direct sun in afternoon or most of the day). <i>Note: For sunny WINDOWS WITH TINTING, USE ONLY PART SUN/SHADE PLANTS, as the photosynthetic light range is greatly diminished.</i>	Begonia Bird of Paradise – Orange Cactus** Citrus Croton Dracaena – Marginata, Variegated Leaf Types Fern – Kimberly Queen (but sheds a little!) Jade Kalanchoe Oxalis Palm – Fan (i.e., <i>Washingtonia</i>) Podocarpus Shrimp Plant Spider Plant Succulents**	Banana Bird of Paradise – White Ficus – all types Gardenia Hibiscus Jasmine – Star Palm – Areca, Majesty

*Watering rates depend on the amount of air circulation and heat near the soil. Near a heat vent or open window, the soil will dry more rapidly leading to higher frequency of watering needed. Conversely, a plant in a cooler room may need less watering. Plants needing a “low” frequency of water should have the entire soil ball become somewhat dry before watering. Plants needing “moderate or high” frequency watering should have only the top of the soil become somewhat dry before watering. **Plants should never be allowed to sit in water in a saucer or in an undrained pot. Use gravel in the saucer or other pot risers to allow space between saucer and pot for air circulation.**

**These plants usually require watering only once every 2 to 4 weeks.