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## PC-11 Fleshy Succulents Plant Care

Fleshy succulents have thick, water-retaining stems that help them survive in the desert and other very dry habitats. In both form and ancestry they are a diverse group which includes species from several families of flowering plants. Some succulents are essentially leafless while others have leaves that may naturally fall away during the plant's dry season.

### Light

Direct and preferably day-long sunlight (as provided by an unobstructed southern window; the only exception to this rule is if your plant is a haworthia. Haworthias prefer bright *indirect* sunlight). Succulents will often survive for extended periods in sites with lower light levels, but will probably not thrive or flower.

### Watering

During the plant's active growth or flowering, water when the soil surface becomes completely dry. During the plant's dormant phase (usually in winter), water very, very sparingly -- once every month or when the plant shows signs of shrinking or "deflating" due to low water content. When you do water, drench the soil thoroughly - at least a little water should come out of the pot's bottom drainage holes. However, the plant should not stand in saucer water for more than ten minutes.

### Feeding

Feed sparingly, even when the plant is growing actively. Use **Grow More Cactus Juice** or **Dr. Earth All Purpose Liquid Fertilizer** at half the recommended concentration and frequency listed in the product directions.

### Potential Problems

Overwatering may promote root rot, a disease that is difficult to arrest.

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