

Rubber plant *Ficus elastica*

Fact sheet



LIGHT ☀️ ☀️ ☀️ ☀️ ☀️ **bright, no midday sun**

Bright, but without harsh sun; a little morning or evening sun is fine. Copes with partial shade too.



WATER 💧 💧 💧 💧 💧 **moderate**

Let the soil dry slightly between waterings – as a rule of thumb, once the top 2–3 cm are dry. In winter keep it just slightly moist. Better too little than too much.



HUMIDITY 💧 💧 💧 💧 💧 **medium**

Medium humidity. In dry, heated air a tray of damp gravel helps.



TEMPERATURE

18–27 °C, not below 15 °C. Evenly warm, no draughts.



SOIL

Houseplant soil or peat-free, loam-based soil with some fine bark.



FEEDING

Spring to late summer about monthly with a high-nitrogen foliage plant fertiliser.



REPOTTING 🪴 est. 9 → 30 cm

Every 2–3 years in spring, only slightly bigger. In between, and for big plants, renew the top layer of soil.



HEIGHT 📏 📏 📏 📏 📏 up to approx. 3 m tall,
1 m wide · upright

GROWTH 🌱 🌱 🌱 🌱 🌱 slow



TOXICITY

👤 Humans: mildly toxic 🐱 Cats: toxic

🐶 Dogs: toxic

👋 Sap irritates the skin

	TOO LITTLE	TOO MUCH
Water		 Leaves turn yellow and drop, the soil stays wet for a long time. → Water less often, empty the cachepot and let the soil dry slightly before the next watering.
Light	 Green leaves drop. → Move it somewhere brighter, ideally with some morning or evening sun – and then leave it there.	 Dry, shrivelled or scorched leaves. → Protect it from harsh midday and afternoon sun.
Fertiliser		 Leaves drop even though light and watering are right. → Don't feed for a few months, then more sparingly.
Warmth	 Leaves suddenly drop – often in winter or in a cold draught. → Move it somewhere warmer and draught-free, not below 15 °C.	



WHAT IT DOES FOR YOU

A robust indoor tree with large, glossy leaves that tolerates a bit less light too. Unpruned it grows slim and tree-like, pruned it gets bushier.



CAUTION

Mildly toxic: swallowed leaves can irritate the stomach and gut. The white milky sap can irritate the skin and aggravate allergies – wear gloves when cutting.