

Snake plant *Dracaena trifasciata*

Fact sheet

 **LIGHT**      **bright, no midday sun**
Bright, without harsh midday sun. It tolerates darker corners but hardly grows there.

 **WATER**      **very little**
Only water once the soil is dry all the way down – as a rule of thumb every 2–3 weeks in summer, about once a month in winter. Don't water into the leaf rosette, empty the cachepot.

 **HUMIDITY**      **dry air is fine**
Dry, heated air is no problem – don't mist.

 **TEMPERATURE**
15–24 °C, never below 10 °C. Watch out at cold windows and when airing the room.

 **SOIL**
Free-draining cactus soil, a heavy clay pot with a drainage hole.

 **FEEDING**
Spring to early autumn once a month with liquid houseplant or cactus fertiliser, none in winter.

 **REPOTTING**  **est. 9 → 30 cm · clay**
Every 2–4 years in spring, once roots fill the pot – only slightly bigger.

 **HEIGHT**      **up to approx. 1 m tall, 50 cm wide · upright**

GROWTH      **slow**

 **TOXICITY**
 **Humans: toxic**  **Cats: toxic**
 **Dogs: toxic**
 **Sap irritates the skin**

	TOO LITTLE	TOO MUCH
Water	 Leaves wrinkle, the lower ones dry up. → Water thoroughly, pour off the excess after 15 minutes.	 Leaves soft or yellow, the plant leans or wobbles; the soil stays wet. → Take it out of the pot, cut off rotten parts, replant in fresh, dry cactus soil and don't water until the soil has dried out.
Light	 Hardly any new leaves; leaves grow long and thin and flop over, the colour turns pale. → Move it closer to the window and water even more sparingly.	 Pale yellow to brown, dry patches on the sunny side. → Move it out of the midday sun, get it used to more sun gradually. Burnt patches stay.
Warmth	 Damaged leaves – often after a night at a cold window or in a draught. → Move it somewhere warmer, keep it dry, cut badly damaged leaves off at the base.	



WHAT IT DOES FOR YOU

Forgives forgotten watering like hardly any other plant – the ideal start. It doesn't measurably clean the air, but it's beautiful anyway.



CAUTION

Toxic (saponins): don't let cats, dogs or children nibble on it. The sap can irritate the skin – wear gloves when dividing.