

Weeping fig *Ficus benjamina*

Fact sheet



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

Bright, without harsh sun – a little morning or evening sun is fine. Once well placed, don't move it again.



WATER 💧 💧 💧 💧 💧 **moderate**

Water with room-temperature water once the top of the soil has dried slightly – as a rule of thumb about once a week in summer. In winter keep it just slightly moist.



HUMIDITY 💧 💧 💧 💧 💧 **medium**

Medium to high humidity. Away from the radiator, mist the leaves now and then, a tray of damp gravel.



TEMPERATURE

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



SOIL

Loam-based compost with some fine bark, or peat-free houseplant soil.



FEEDING

Spring to late summer, as a rule of thumb about monthly, with a high-nitrogen foliage plant fertiliser.



REPOTTING 🪴 est. 9 → 30 cm

As a rule of thumb every 2–3 years in spring, only slightly bigger. If it's too big, just renew the top layer of soil.



HEIGHT ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ **up to approx. 3 m tall, 1.5 m wide · upright**

GROWTH 🌱 🌱 🌱 🌱 🌱 **slow**



TOXICITY

👤 Humans: toxic 🐱 Cats: toxic

🐶 Dogs: toxic

👋 Sap irritates the skin

	TOO LITTLE	TOO MUCH
Water	 Leaves turn yellow, dry up and drop. → Water thoroughly, then check the top few centimetres regularly.	 Sudden leaf drop, yellow leaves, the soil stays wet. → Water less often, empty the cachepot and let the soil dry slightly before the next watering.
Light	 Lots of green leaves drop. → Move it somewhere brighter, but only once – then leave it there until it has settled in.	 Dry, shrivelled leaves. → Protect it from harsh midday sun; bright, but not in full sun.
Fertiliser		 Leaves drop, the oldest first. → Don't feed for a few months, then less often and at a lower dose.
Warmth	 Leaves drop – often in winter, at a cold window or in a draught. → Move it somewhere warmer and draught-free, not below 15 °C.	



WHAT IT DOES FOR YOU

A graceful indoor tree with dense, glossy foliage. Kept bright and evenly warm in its spot, it is little work.



CAUTION

Toxic: irritates the stomach, gut and skin. The milky sap can trigger allergies – not for people with allergies or a latex allergy. Wear gloves when cutting.