

DUMB CANE

REGION OF ORIGIN

Brazil



LIGHT

The Dieffenbachia prefers bright, indirect light but can tolerate low to moderate light as well. However, its growth may slow down in lower light conditions, and the variegation on the leaves might fade. Avoid placing it in direct sunlight, as this can scorch its delicate leaves.



SOIL

For tropical plants we recommend our Rooted Goods All-Purpose Potting Mix, Uncle Mike's Organic Potting Mix, or Espoma's Organic Potting Mix. All three options are great choices for ensuring healthy growth and thriving plants.



WATER

Dieffenbachia prefers moderately moist soil. Water it when the top inch of the soil feels dry to the touch, but make sure not to let it sit in water, as this can cause root rot. Always ensure the pot has good drainage and the saucer is emptied of sitting water.



FERTILIZER

We recommend fertilizers like Espoma Organic Indoor! Houseplant Food, Jack's Houseplant Special, or Organic Plant Magic. These options provide essential nutrients to keep your plants vibrant and thriving.



TEMPERATURE

Dieffenbachia thrives in warm temperatures between 65–75°F (18–24°C). It prefers a consistent, cozy environment, so avoid placing it in areas with cold drafts or sudden temperature changes, like near air conditioners or heaters.



ISSUES + FIXES

Prone to pests like whitefly, mealybugs, aphids, scale, and spider mites. Regularly inspect and clean the leaves with a damp cloth to deter these nuisances. If spotted, treat with natural or chemical remedies.



PRUNING & PROPAGATION

Take a 4–6 inch stem cutting with at least one node. You can root it in water by placing the node in a jar and changing the water every few days, or directly in moist soil. Once it develops roots, transplant it into a pot with soil.



PET FRIENDLY ?

Dieffenbachia is toxic to pets, including cats and dogs. Ingesting it can cause irritation and swelling in the mouth, tongue, and throat, leading to symptoms like drooling, difficulty swallowing, and vomiting. To keep pets safe, keep this plant out of reach of curious paws, or opt for pet-friendly alternatives.