

JAPANESE ARALIA

REGION OF ORIGIN

East Asia



LIGHT

Japanese Aralia, also known as *Fatsia japonica*, is a hardy plant that thrives in bright, indirect light. It can adapt to lower light conditions, making it an excellent choice for shadier spots in your home, though its growth may slow in such environments. Avoid prolonged exposure to direct sunlight, as it can scorch the leaves and cause damage.



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.



PRUNING & PROPAGATION

To propagate Japanese Aralia, cut a healthy 4-6 inch stem just below a leaf node and remove the lower leaves. Dip the cut end in rooting hormone (optional) and plant it in moist, well-draining soil or place it in water. Water regularly if in soil or change the water weekly. Roots usually appear in 4-8 weeks.



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.



TEMPERATURE

Japanese Aralia thrives in moderate temperatures, ideally between 60-75°F (15-24°C). To keep the plant healthy, avoid placing it near drafts, air conditioners, or heaters, as sudden temperature changes can cause stress and affect its growth.



PET FRIENDLY ?

Japanese Aralia is not safe for pets. It can cause symptoms like mouth irritation, vomiting, and diarrhea if ingested by cats or dogs. To keep your pets safe, place the plant out of their reach or choose a pet-friendly alternative.



WATER

Japanese Aralia prefers moderate watering to keep the soil consistently moist but not soggy. Allow the top inch of soil to dry out slightly between waterings, and always empty saucers to prevent standing water, which can lead to root rot.



ISSUES + FIXES

Watch out for aphids, scale, and spider mites. Regularly inspect your plant for signs of infestation and treat promptly with natural or chemical remedies.