Pittosporum tobira

JAPANESE LAUREL

REGION OF ORIGIN

Japan, China, Korea



LIGHT

The Japanese Laurel thrives in bright, indirect light but is highly adaptable and can tolerate low light conditions, making it an excellent choice for indoor spaces. Avoid exposing it to direct sunlight, as this can scorch its glossy leaves and fade its vibrant variegation.



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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

Japanese Laurel prefers soil that is evenly moist, but not soggy. Water when the top 1-2 inches of soil feel dry to the touch. Ensure the pot has proper drainage and always empty the saucer after watering to prevent root rot.



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

Japanese Laurel thrives in temperatures between 60-75°F (16-24°C). It prefers a stable, warm setting and should be kept away from cold drafts, heaters, or air conditioners. Avoid exposing the plant to temperatures below 50°F (10°C), as this can cause stress and damage to the foliage.



ISSUES + FIXES

Japanese Laurel may be susceptible to pests such as mealy bugs, spider mites, scale, and aphids. Regularly inspect your plant for signs of infestation and treat promptly with natural or chemical remedies.



PRUNING & PROPAGATION

Select a healthy 4-6 inch stem with fresh growth and cut just below a node. Remove the lower leaves to expose the stem. Plant the cutting in moist, well-draining soil or place it in a jar of water with the base submerged. Roots should develop in 4-6 weeks.



PET FRIENDLY?

Japanese Laurel is not petfriendly. It is toxic to cats and dogs, and ingestion may cause symptoms such as vomiting, diarrhea, and abdominal pain. To keep your furry companions safe, place this plant out of paws reach or consider a pet-safe alternative.



