COUNCIL TREE

REGION OF ORIGIN

South and Southeast Asia

LIGHT

Ficus altissima will thrive best in a room with bright, indirect sunlight. Think of a north or east facing window that receives softer morning light, protecting the plant from prolonged, intense sunlight.

SOIL

For tropical plants, we recommend using 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

Council Trees prefer to dry out a bit more than other varieties of Ficus. Wait until the upper portion of soil feels dry to the touch between waterings. Ensure the pot has good drainage and water until water begins to run out of the bottom of the pot. Never allow the plant to sit in standing water.

FERTILIZER

These plants require regular fertilizing throughout the growing season. 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

Ficus trees prefer nighttime temperatures between 65˚F-70˚F and daytime temperatures between 75˚F-85˚F. Avoid placing Ficus near drafts, air conditioners, heaters or open windows to prevent stress from temperature fluctuations.

ISSUES + FIXES

Ficus altissima may be susceptible to pests such as aphids, mealybugs, scale or spider mites. Regular inspection and wiping with a damp cloth helps to keep leaves clean and make pests easier to spot. If signs of infestation appear, treat promptly with natural or chemical remedies.

PRUNING & PROPAGATION

Propagation is best done with young, non-woody shoots. Cut 6-12" from the tip and remove all but 2-3 of the topmost leaves. The cutting can then be placed in suitable soil, perlite, moss or water, with or without using rooting hormone. Keep the cutting out of direct sun while rooting and maintain high humidity.

PET FRIENDLY ?

Ficus altissima is not pet-safe. If ingested, it may cause symptoms such as drooling, vomiting, difficulty swallowing, and irritation of the mouth and throat. To protect your pets, keep the plant out of reach or choose pet-friendly alternatives.