

WELCOME TO YOUR GREENSPACE

Hello there,

We are glad you downloaded this plant checklist and hope it will help you in your journey as a new plant parent.

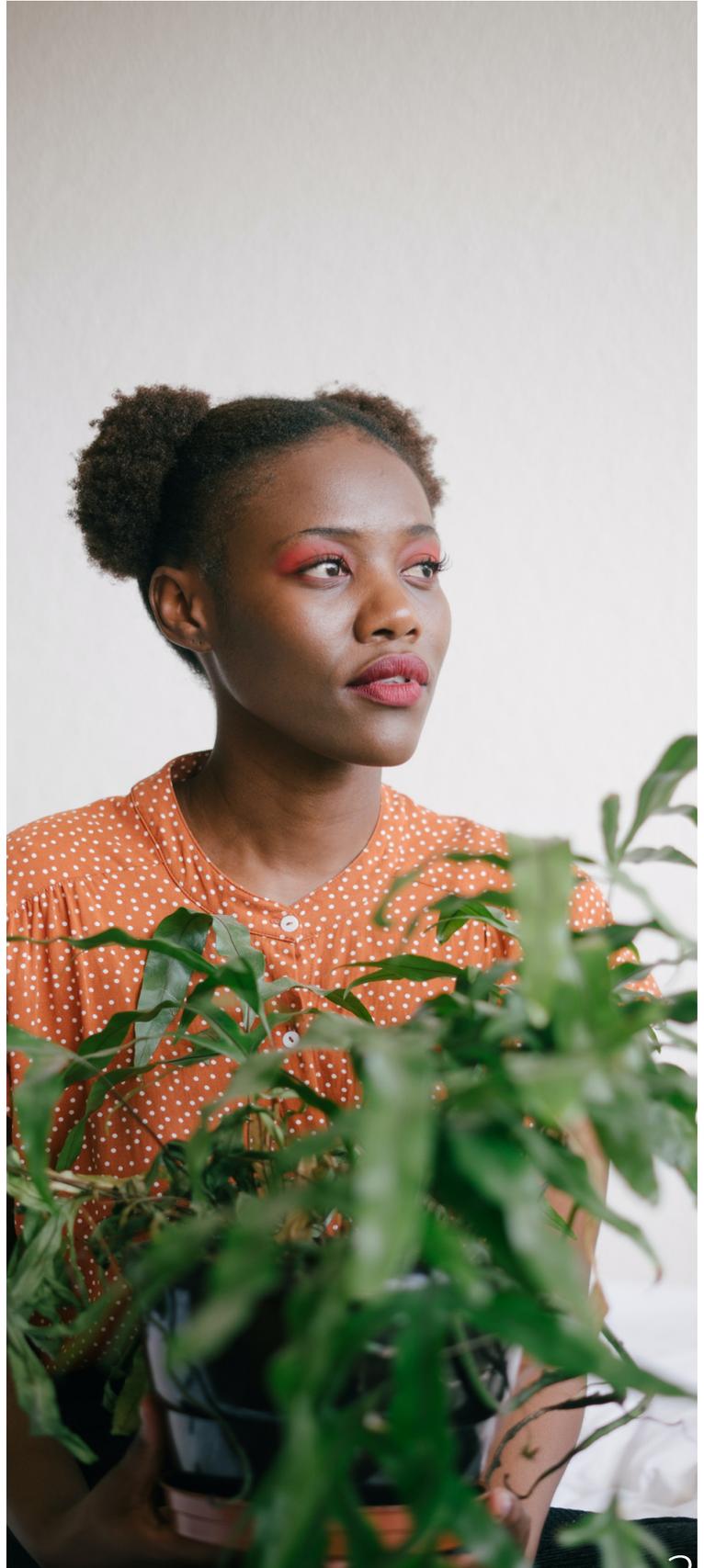
Our purpose as Greenspace Zambia is to provide as much practical information as possible that can be used by gardeners in our African context. If you need more tips and tricks on gardening have a look at our Facebook or Youtube pages where we have videos available on a variety of gardening related topics.

In addition, there is a Beginners Guide to Indoor plants ebook also available through the link on our website.

We hope that by sharing this information on gardening and the environment we can make gardening fun and inspire more people like you to experiment with growing something, and creating your own greenspace in and around your home. Join us on your journey to make our cities greener.

Yours

The Greenspace Zambia Team



WEEKLY MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

The best way to ensure healthy plants is to get to KNOW YOUR PLANTS.

Different plants will have different needs. Some may be sensitive to temperature. Some may need more light.

By monitoring regularly you will be able to see where they thrive and grow best in your home or office.



1. Watering

Avoid watering on a strict routine.

Rather check the plant and the soil for signs that the plant needs water. If so, water the plant and let excess water drain for a few minutes.

Water less if the plant is dormant. This is usually in the winter months.

2. Weeding

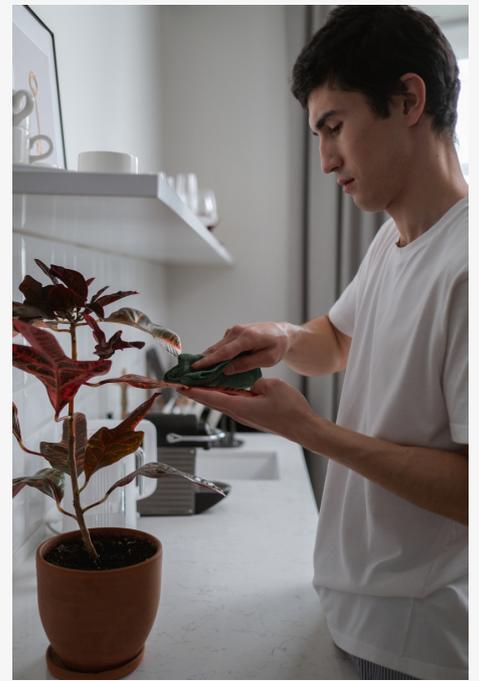
Depending on the soil mixture the plant is in you may find weeds developing. If plants are potted with garden soil this will contain a multitude of seeds of other plants including weeds. Excessive weeds can stifle the growth of a plant by drinking up nutrients in the soil, so check the pot for anything sprouting that should not be there and remove from the roots.



3. Dusting

Dust can ruin the look of the plant but also can block the pores of the plant making it difficult to take in air through the leaves. In urban areas this dust can also be chemical residue which is harmful to the plant and can also trigger allergies in humans.

- Frequently check the plants and wipe down the leaves with a soft dry cloth.
- Do not disturb the young and tender leaves as this could affect their development.
- On a 'hairy' plant use a brush rather than a cloth.
- To remove calcium residue add a bit of washing liquid to the water.



4. Fertilising

Apply fertiliser according to the plants growing phase. For us Zambia this would be from September to the the end of the rains in March. If using chemical fertiliser follow the instructions on the pack.

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5. Positioning

Check the leaves of the plant for signs of leaning towards the light. Rotate or move the plant if necessary to ensure even growth.

Check for signs of sunburn which means leaves are being burnt by a reflection off the window or simply too much light for the type of plant. If you see these, move the plant to a more protected spot.



6. General Impact

- Step back and see how the plant looks in its spot.
- Check for water leakage or spillage on the floor and wipe it up before it stains or causes an accident
- Sweep up any fallen leaves or soil
- Leave the plant looking 'good' in its space

Remember no plant was ever meant to grow indoors, or in a pot. If you find your plants appear to be continually struggling, place them outside in a cool shaded area. The natural light with normal watering should allow them to bounce back after a few weeks.



7. Pest control

Check for signs of aphids, fungus and treat appropriately.

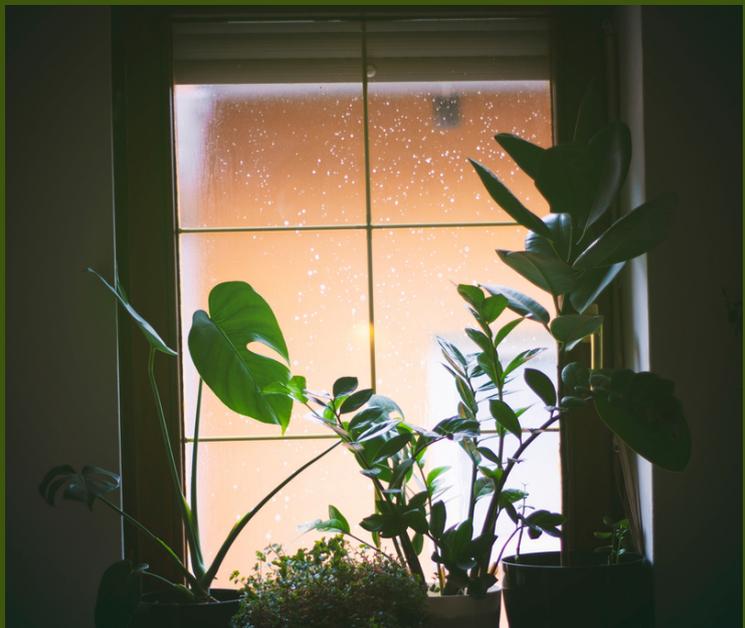
It's important to be very thorough when you see signs of this as the damage caused by pests can spread quite quickly.

See the section on pest control for more details.

Although it's useful to check your plants at least once a week we are hesitant to recommend a schedule as every plant in every home is different.

You need to get to know your plants and develop a maintenance schedule that suits you.

Choose plants that you are able to maintain within your lifestyle.



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