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Note. These instructions are applicable for all types of Sundews, Venus Fly Traps and Pitcher plants.



Soil: Carnivorous Plants need special soil mix. You should not use normal garden soil. They need a mix of peat, sand and perlite or fine gavel. Mixed in a ratio of 70:15:15. Additionally, chopped dry moss can be used to retain moisture. If you need readymade CP soil please visit our store.

It is recommended to rinse the CP soil with distilled water, reverse osmosis water, or rainwater. This removes potentially toxic minerals, along with nutrients that can attract pests and algae.





Container: You can use any type of garden pot or container with holes punched at the bottom. Place a tray or saucer filled with distilled water below the pot or container. So that, the soil is never dried up.

Sowing: Before sowing, the soil should be well-moisturized. If you are sowing Sundews do not cover the seeds, surface sow them. If you are sowing Venus Fly Trap or Pitcher Plant seeds sow them half centimetre deep. Seeds should not be watered directly, water the tray or saucer below the pot.





Water: Find a low-mineral water source. Most tap water contains too many dissolved minerals and salts, which can build up over time and kill the plant. Use collected rainwater, reverse osmosis water or distilled water.

Humidity: Humidity. Keep the habitat humid. Atleast 35 to 45 percent humidity should be maintained for the plants. Greenhouses and terrariums can provide the needed humidity, but be sure to provide the proper ventilation so the air does not overheat or become stagnant. Or else you can place your pot in a zip lock cover to maintain humidity.





Step 7: Provide full sunlight. These plants naturally grow in nutrient poor soil, where few other plants can compete with them for light. Most carnivorous plants will even have trouble growing under artificial lights or on a sunny windowsill. Keep them in an outdoor location that receives at least 6 hours of direct sunlight each day, but maintain the right humidity.

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