

ZAMIOCVLCAS ZAMIIFOLIA

Dave's Tips



PLANT NAME: ZAMIOCVLCAS ZAMIIFOLIA

PRODUCT FORM: Leaves, 4" Pre-finished, 9cm Pots

Commonly called ZZ plant, these very dark green plants are almost bullet proof indoor plants. They are actually members of the aroid family, though they look like a distant cousin of most aroids. ZZ's are upright and grow to about 3' tall. They send up new shoots from rhizomes formed underground. The ZZ's leaves are naturally very shiny.

Growth Rates

- From 4" pre-finished - 3-4 months for a 6".

These can then be bumped to 8 or 10" pots and grown for another 3-6 months.

- From leaves, 3 ppp in a 4", it takes about 5-6 months.

This is not a fast grower, but it's slowest in propagation. Once rhizomes are formed, it is faster.

Product Uses

- Indoor plant or interiorscapes
- Planters or pots in shaded outside areas, above 60°F

Did you Know?

ZZ plants have a natural "resting period" during the winter months and will not produce new shoots during this time. It's best to hold off the fertilizer during this period. Usually around the middle of March, plants will resume making new shoots.

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The University of Florida did some tests demonstrating that the ZZ plant can survive without being watered for 3-4 months. Even then, it produces new leaves under interior light levels of 25 foot candles!

HARDINESS ZONE(S): 10

TEMPERATURE: Ideal temperatures are between 70-90°F.

LIGHT LEVELS/INTENSITY: Optimum light level is 1,250-2,500 ft. candles, or 80-90% shade. They should have a ph of between 6.0-7.0 it's best to maintain EC of 1.0-2.0. The media should be kept evenly moist.

GENERAL GROWING CONDITIONS: These should be grown in low light, with a relative humidity of 50-95%.

FERTILIZER: A controlled release fertilizer with a 3-1-2 ratio and micronutrients is best. If using liquid feed, apply 200 ppm for drip irrigation or 100-150 if sub-irrigation.

DISEASES: Rarely, root disease from over watering.

POTENTIAL PESTS: Occasionally, spider mites.

SOIL MIXTURE

Use a commercial potting mix which is peat based and well draining with good aeration. Avoid overly heavy soils.

WATER

Soil should be allowed to dry between watering, but can also be kept evenly moist without harm.

HUMIDITY

50-95%