

NON-TOXIC

HOUSEPLANTS

If you have cats or dogs, make sure you pick houseplant varieties that are non-toxic to animals. From ferns to trailing Hoya's here is a few of the fun plants you can safely grow indoors.



PEPEROMIA

Peperomia caperata 'Rosso'

Peperomia albobittata 'Piccolo Banda'

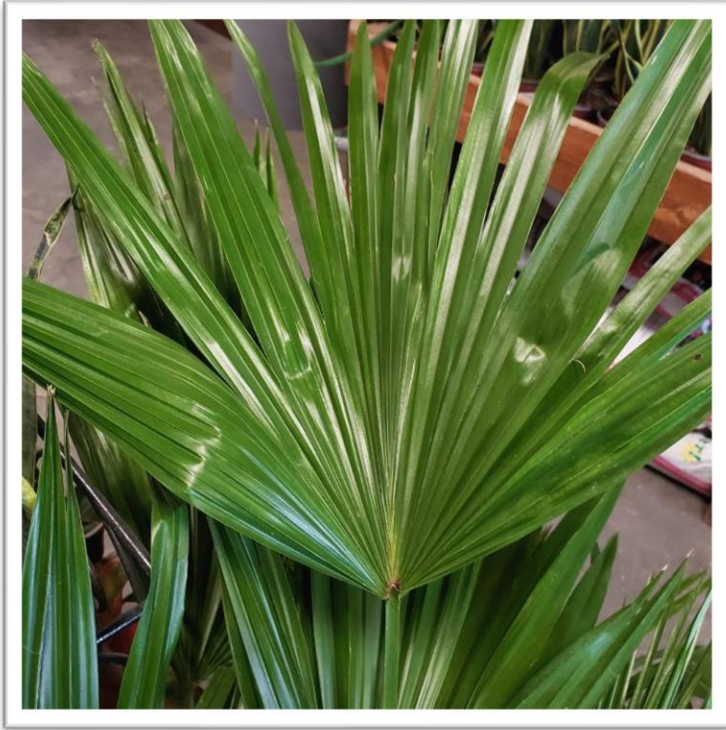
- 'Rosso' has dark green, pointed leaves with deep veining and maroon undersides. 'Piccolo Banda' has silvery leaves with dark green veining and maroon stems.
- Both are compact in size, growing up to 12" /30 cm.
- Native to Central and South America.
- Prefers medium to bright indirect light. Direct sunlight may cause leaf scorch/fade.
- Check soil moisture regularly. Peperomia is sensitive to overwatering (can lead to rot), so water carefully, ensuring soil is neither too wet nor too dry.
- Fertilize once a month during the spring and summer with general houseplant fertilizer.

MONEY TREE

Money Tree '*Pachira aquatica*'

- Distinctive palmate leaves arising from a (commonly) braided trunk.
- Grows up to 8 ft/ 2.4m when grown indoors as a houseplant.
- Native to Central and South America.
- Prefers bright to medium indirect light, but also does well under fluorescent light.
- Prefers high humidity (will benefit from misting in dry conditions).
- Check soil moisture regularly, giving the plant a good drink when the top inch of soil is dry (or, for smaller containers, the plant + container is light in weight). Will require less watering in cooler weather.
- Fertilize once a month during the spring and summer with general houseplant fertilizer.

PALM



- Chinese Fan Palm Tree '*Livistona chinensis*' is a large plant with fanlike fronds that can grow up to 2' feet across and reach a height of 6'-8' indoors. Put it in a bright sunny spot but out of direct sunlight.
- Cat Palm '*Chamaedorea cataractarum*' is a bushy palm with arching, airy fronds that will grow 3'-5' high and wide is an easy-care houseplant. This lush tropical palm will thrive in direct sunlight indoors.

HOYA

- *Hoya carnosa* 'Krimson Princess' has elongated, waxy leaves with a green border and creamy centres, with a hint of pink.
- *Hoya pubicalyx* 'Splash' has elongated, waxy, medium green leaves with splashes of white.
- *Hoya australis* has waxy, deep green leaves. All three hoyas are vining and can be trained to climb.
- Hoyas may bloom (in flower clusters called umbels) when mature and receiving the proper lighting conditions. Hoyas prefer snug roots, which may hasten blooming.
- Hoyas are native to tropical Asia and Australia. Prefers bright indirect light.
- With their thicker, waxy leaves, Hoyas are sensitive to overwatering, which may cause them to rot. Water when the top inch of soil is dry and, even then, less is more when it comes to watering.
- Prefers high humidity and may benefit from misting in dry environments.
- Fertilize once a month during the spring and summer with general houseplant fertilizer.
- Do not prune off the spurs (short stalk where blooms arise) after flowering, as the plant may bloom again on the same spur.

FERNS

- Boston Fern '*Nephrolepis exaltata*' – A full, bushy plant with feathered leaves that grow in all directions. If given room to grow these plants can live over 20 years indoors. Gives you the look of a real jungle.
- Kimberly Queen Fern '*Nephrolepis obliterated*' – This fern can handle drought and heat better than any other ferns. Its upright growth habit makes it better suited to urns, and container gardens than hanging baskets.
- Macho Fern '*Nephrolepis biserrata*' – This tough as nails fern lives up to its name! Macho ferns have long, arching branches with wide, dark green fronds. Growing up to 4' high and wide they are best on their own in a large container as a feature plant.
- Bird's Nest Fern '*Asplenium nidus*' - This fern develops an upright rosette of long shiny green leaves that have a ruffled, wavy edge. This fern is a beautiful houseplant ideally suited for a warm, humid spot such as a steamy bathroom or kitchen.
- Blue Star Fern '*Phlebodium aureum*' - This beautiful blue colored fern with a distinctive star shaped frond. Like many ferns, this variety likes a humid environment, which makes it a perfect plant for growing in a steamy bathroom.

