



# **BONSAI TREES**

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## **CARE SHEET FOR INDOOR BONSAI**

**This is only a guide as all trees dry out at different rates**

**When you get your tree home water immediately and place in a suitable position after reading the instructions below !**

A certain amount of yellow leaves on an indoor Bonsai are completely normal, leaves on an evergreen tend to last about 3 months, then drop off and are replaced by new ones, about once a week go over your tree and remove any yellow leaves. If you are worried at all then phone us for advice.

### **WATERING.**

In the summer fill a bowl with water at room temperature, deep enough to cover all of the soil in your pot, stand your tree in the water for 10-15 mins, let it stand on the draining board until it stops dripping, wipe the pot and return it to its normal position. (using this method your tree will take the amount of water it wants, rather than what you want to give it). In the winter lightly top water by pouring water over the soil when it feels really dry as they do not use as much water during the winter months.

Water when the soil feels dry, and not before. **DO NOT** leave it standing in water for long periods and **DO NOT MIST SPRAY IT !**

### **POSITIONING YOUR TREE.**

Your tree needs plenty of light but not blazing midday-type sun as the leaves will scorch. Without enough light growth will be leggy. Any warm bright area will do, if there is only one light source, i.e. one window, turn your tree round once a week to get even growth. When you find a place your tree likes leave it there, you will know its happy because it will grow many new shoots and flourish.

### **FERTILISER.**

All Bonsai need fertiliser to make up for the lack of nutrients normally found in the wild,. Use either a specially formulated Bonsai food, or a weak mixture of Phostrogen plant food. Feed every 2 weeks from March till October. Always water your Bonsai before feeding or you will burn the roots and damage the tree.

### **PRUNING YOUR TREE.**

Your tree needs pruning all year round, more so in the summer months. Cut off new shoots once they grow to about 3-4 inches long, prune between a leaf joint to maintain its original shape.( if you require more information on pruning please contact us and we will arrange to show you on your tree).

### **COMMON PROBLEMS.**

Brown crisp leaves– Lack of water. Follow watering instructions above.

Every leaf turning yellow– Over watering. As above.

Glossy, sticky leaves– Your tree may have Aphids, such as whitefly or Greenfly, check under leaves for both insects and eggs. To treat spray with a soap wash, (2-3 drops of washing up liquid per litre of water) Spray under the leaves about every 3 days, this should encourage them to leave.

**Remember we are here to help you, and we are always pleased to hear from you.**