Epipremnum aureum: the low-maintenance houseplant for every home

A beginner-friendly guide to watering, light, soil, propagation, and safe care for first-time plant owners and anyone who wants to keep pothos thriving.

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Watering

Water thoroughly when the top inch of soil feels dry. Avoid overwatering — roots can rot if the pot stays soggy for too long.

Light

Pothos prefers bright indirect light, but it can tolerate low light. Direct sun can scorch leaves, so east- or west-facing windows are ideal.

Soil

Use a well-draining potting mix. Avoid dense garden soil, which can trap water and cause root rot. A balanced indoor potting mix is a safe choice.

PROPAGATION

How to propagate pothos at home

Pothos is one of the easiest houseplants to share. Cut a healthy stem with at least two nodes, remove lower leaves, and root it in water or moist soil.

1. Cut a healthy stem below a node with at least two nodes and a few inches of stem length.
2. Remove lower leaves so only the top two or three leaves remain on the cutting.
3. Place the cut end in water or moist potting mix and keep it warm until roots develop.

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SAFETY

Pet and child safety

While pothos is beautiful, it is toxic if ingested. Keep it out of reach of pets and children, and wash hands after handling cut stems or leaves.

Toxicity warning: Epipremnum aureum contains insoluble calcium oxalate crystals. If ingested, it can cause oral and gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, and vomiting.

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- Choose hanging baskets or high shelves for safer placement.



"Golden Pothos"



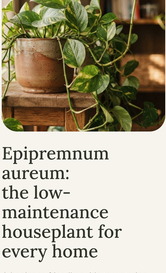
PERSONAL STORY

Why pothos became my first plant

I started with a small pothos because it was forgiving and easy to move around. It taught me how to notice dry soil, how to trim long stems, and how to enjoy a plant that grows slowly but steadily. Now it hangs in my office, and every time I propagate a new cutting, I remember why I fell in love with indoor plants in the first place.

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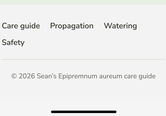
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