



Care for **Hardy Succulents**

Plant during the growing season – If Outdoor succulents, like Sempervivum (Hens and Chicks) have had time to establish roots, they can tolerate frosts down to -20F. Plant them in Spring after the risk of frost has passed or in the Fall at least one month before the first frost. Use well-draining, gritty, porous soil to prevent root rot.

Plant in a protected spot -- In-ground succulents tolerate lower temperatures than container plants because their roots are better insulated. Pick sheltered microclimates near buildings or boulders to keep them warmer and less exposed to the wind.

Keep dry--Avoid watering in winter to prevent root rot. Drought helps succulents to go dormant, which enables them to cruise through the winter chill. Don't worry if they're under piles of snow though! It acts like an insulating blanket.

Cover before cold snaps--Even a light covering can be enough to prevent permanent frost damage on an extra cold night. For large succulent gardens, consider investing in a row cover. For smaller spaces, a bed sheet held down with rocks will work fine.

Helpful websites for Hardy Outdoor succulents:

[North Carolina Extension Gardener Plant Toolbox - Sedums](#)

[Winter-hardy Cacti](#)





Care for Tender Indoor Succulents

One of the most important things to keep your succulent healthy is **NOT TO OVERWATER**. Succulents are very prone to root rot. Allow the soil to **COMPLETELY DRY OUT** before watering again. Then water thoroughly allowing water to drain through pot, but do not allow pot to sit in standing water – empty pot tray. **ONLY** use pots with a drain hole(s).

Second, make sure the soil is very porous and gritty, so water flows through easily. Avoid peat-based soils and use soil specifically made for succulents and cacti.

Helpful websites for tender indoor succulents:

[How to Care for Succulents Indoors](#)

[Growing Succulents Indoors](#)

