

POCKET CARD

Quarantine Steps

Two to three weeks apart is the single best habit for a healthy collection. Print, cut, and keep one where the new plants land.

Quarantine & acclimation plan

- Day 0** Bag it for the trip in cold or heat. Keep it in the nursery pot. Place it apart from other plants, in similar light to the shop.
- Day 1** Full inspection, undersides and soil line. First watering only if the soil check says dry.
- Days 2 to 6** Leave it alone. A dropped leaf or two after a move is normal.
- Day 7** Second inspection. Gently shake the plant over white paper and look.
- Day 14** Third inspection, plus a look at the roots if the pot slides out easily.
- Days 14 to 21** Still clean? Move it slowly toward its final spot if the light differs a lot.
- Cleared** Introduce it to the shelf. Repot only once you see new growth, ideally in spring.

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