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GARDENING

911

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WHERE OAKLAND COMES TO GROW

FIRST THING...

Avoid emergencies by preparing the soil for your plant. Check labels to see if your plant likes acidic soil (use coffee grounds), needs good drainage (do not plant in hard, clay like soil), or perhaps your plant wants moist rich soil.



PLANTS LOOK YELLOW?

⚠️ TOO MUCH WATER/
BAD DRAINAGE

Try putting the plant in the sun, replanting into a pot with better drainage, or simply water the plant less.



PLANTS LOOK BURNED?

⚠️ TOO MUCH SUNLIGHT

Try moving it out of direct sun, or out of the window. Perhaps replant in a new container & move to a less sunny spot.



PLANTS LOOK FADED?

⚠️ NOT ENOUGH SUNLIGHT

Move to a spot with more sun. If outside, prune plants around the sick plant to give more light. Maybe even try a sunnier spot in the garden.



PLANTS LOOK LIMP?

⚠️ NOT ENOUGH WATER

Check the soil, does it feel dry? Water soil slowly and make sure the water soaks in. Move out of the sun if possible.

COMMON CHALLENGES

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INSECTS

Spray or wipe with baking soda spray or soapy water. Look into pest resistant plants.



FUNGAL DISEASES OR BLIGHT

Avoid by rotating crops, watering in the morning and washing hands when working with infected plants.



BACTERIAL DISEASE

Harder to diagnose but may have spotted leaves or oozy lesions on leaves. Treat plants with a baking soda solution (add a heaping tablespoon of baking soda, a teaspoon of vegetable oil, and a small amount of mild soap to a gallon of water and spray the plants).



FERTILIZER BURN

A few dark, burned spots-pesticide or herbicide burns. You probably have fertilizer burns. Try using slow release fertilizer next time and always make sure to water plants immediately after fertilizing.



MILDEW

Often give leaves a white powdery look. Fungicide may be used for fungal infections.



LEAVES

NEW LEAVES ALREADY LOOK YELLOW AND SAD?

They probably lack nutrients. Add compost to soil and check pH balance of soil.

LEAVES FALLING OFF?

Several leaves are falling off. This is just normal plant aging and there is no need to worry. Usually older leaves come off the bottom of the plant and you just need to dispose of them.