

Monstera underwatering

Monstera underwatering, we all know one of the most basic rules that every Monstera owner should know is proper watering, and we also know that the number one and quickest way to kill a Monstera or any plant is overwatering.

Some Monstera owners are so afraid of over watering their plant that they accidentally underwater them, which it is as damaging as overwatering.

In this article we are going to talk about what are the signs of underwatered Monstera and how to solve the problem before it is too late to save the plant.

Drooping

As all plants if you underwater your Monstera it will droop. If you ever notice that your Monstera's leaves are loose and weakened first you have to try to check the soil of the plant and if first two or three inches is dry water your plant. Those loosened leaves will perk back up in few hours.

Dry Leaves

Severely underwatered Monsteras will get crispy and light brown leaves which is sign of a dying plant, so for preventing that outcome first thing is to water your plant properly and wait for few hours after that if any of those places that were light brown didn't become better you need to proceed to next step which is to cut down all those light brown and crispy parts of the leaves.

All you need to do is take a sharp knife and cut them down at the base of the stem.

Growing Slowly

Slow grow of your Monstera could be another reason but it is tricky to say exactly if it is the reason or no and reason is slow growth of the plant can also be lack of lighting and not required amount of fertilizer, but if you sure that you fertilizing regularly and your plant is in bright spot that can absorb good amount of light then most likely your watering routine isn't right and pay close attention to your watering pattern.

Curling leaves

Another sign which tells you that your plant is receiving low amount of water is curling leaves, however humidity can cause the same problem too.

For finding it out, be sure you plant is not near a heating or AC vent and after that check the soil regularly, if the soil retains moisture then you need to use humidifier in order to fix plant but if the soil looks compact or just dry, underwatering can be the problem.

Yellowing

If your Monstera plant has yellow leaves it can indicate that your plant is underwatered, but if it is with brown spots your plant is overwatered, so pay attention to both.

Many of these signs are similar to each other so you may ask how should be decide if plant is overwatered or underwatered.

The answer is soil only, if you suspect that your plant is overwatered or underwatered only look at soil will tell you the answer, if the soil is dry and compact and cannot absorb water well it indicates that it is underwatered and if soil soaks wet when you touch and even if you can pull the plant out of it it shows that then soil is overwatered.

If none of these happened and your soil is in perfect condition your Monstera's problems stem from something else.

Reference: <https://apartmentflowers.com/monstera-underwatering/>