

Fiddle-leaf fig *Ficus lyrata*

Fact sheet



LIGHT ☀️ ☀️ ☀️ ☀️ ☀️ **bright with some sun**

Very bright, ideally with morning sun, but no harsh afternoon sun. With too little light it drops leaves.



WATER 💧 💧 💧 💧 💧 **moderate**

Water when the top 5 cm are dry – as a rule of thumb about once a week in summer, in winter just keep it slightly moist. Never leave it standing in water.



HUMIDITY 💧 💧 💧 💧 💧 **medium**

Medium humidity. Away from the radiator; in dry air a tray of damp gravel helps.



TEMPERATURE

18–27 °C, not below 16 °C. Evenly warm, no draughts.



SOIL

Loam-based compost with some fine bark, or peat-free houseplant soil.



FEEDING

Spring to late summer, as a rule of thumb about monthly, at half strength.



REPOTTING 🪴 est. 9 → 30 cm

As a rule of thumb every 2–3 years in spring, only slightly bigger. If it's too big, just renew the top soil.



HEIGHT 📏 📏 📏 📏 📏 up to approx. 3 m tall, est. 90 cm wide · upright

GROWTH 🌱 🌱 🌱 🌱 🌱 **medium**



TOXICITY

👤 Humans: mildly toxic

🐱 Cats: mildly toxic 🐶 Dogs: mildly toxic

👤 Sap irritates the skin

	TOO LITTLE	TOO MUCH
Water	 Leaves turn yellow or dry up and drop. → Water thoroughly, then check the top few centimetres regularly.	 Sudden leaf drop, yellow leaves or dark spots, rotting roots. → Water less often, empty the cachepot, let the soil dry out before watering again.
Light	 Long, thin shoots, dull or yellow leaves, green leaves drop. → Move it somewhere brighter, ideally with morning sun – and then leave it there.	 Brown, scorched patches on the leaves. → Protect it from afternoon sun; bright, but not in blazing sun.
Fertiliser		 Brown, scorched leaf edges, leaves drop. → Don't feed for a while, then only at half strength.
Warmth	 Brown spots, leaves drop – often in winter or in a draught. → Move it somewhere warmer and draught-free, not below 16 °C.	



WHAT IT DOES FOR YOU

An indoor tree with spectacular leaves that needs little floor space thanks to its upright growth. In a bright, steady spot it's little work.



CAUTION

Mildly toxic: chewing irritates the mouth and stomach. The white milky sap can irritate the skin and aggravate allergies – wear gloves when cutting, keep it out of reach of pets.