

Bonsai Care

BUXUS
CARMONA
EUGENIA

FICUS
GARDENIA
IXORA

LIGUSTRUM
SERISSA
ZELKOVA

WATERING: Check the soil daily. When the soil is completely dry, water thoroughly until the water begins to run through the hole in the bottom of the pot. Prolonged dryness or over watering could damage the bonsai.

MISTING: Mist the leaves daily. In winter, it needs more frequent misting because the heating system is on.

LIGHT: Place bonsai near a window that receives direct sun for 2-5 hours. Place in east, west or south exposure, depending on variety.

TEMPERATURE: Ideal temperature is 55° to 85°F. They should normally remain indoors, however, you may put them outdoors in summer. You should provide shade from noon and afternoon sun, or partial shade with morning sun.

FERTILIZER: Use common houseplant fertilizer. No specific brand is recommended. Use 1/3 to 1/2 the strength listed on label. Fertilize once a month from March to October. Do not fertilize during winter months if kept in temperature under 60°. The average winter home temp is 65°. In that case, feed every other month.

TRIMMING: A new shoot should be trimmed when it becomes two to three inches long or when the leaves on the new shoot are the same color as the older leaves. On average, trimming will be done once every one or two months.

REPOTTING: Repot every 18 months to 3 years, usually in spring. Bonsai does best when slightly root bound. Please consult a good book for instruction.