

# Red Mangrove Care Guide

## Basic Mangrove Care: Sunny and Saturated

Mangroves prefer full sun, but will be happy in a spot that gets sun for at least half of the day, or partial sun. A very tall mangrove with a small amount of leaves is asking for more sun. Water your mangrove with fresh water. Mangroves prefer to be wet and cannot be overwatered. We suggest placing your mangrove and its pot into a larger container that you can keep water in. This helps the mangrove stay saturated. To avoid mosquitos laying eggs in the standing water, change out the water weekly.



## Mangrove Maintenance: No Cold, No Chemicals

Mangroves are a tropical species that like warm weather. Bring them inside if temperatures drop below 40 degrees. We want the lagoon, and the mangroves we plant in the lagoon, to stay chemical free. Avoid using fertilizers or pesticides on your mangrove. If you are dealing with pests, try a freshwater rinse and a gentle rub with your fingers to remove them.

## Rooting for you!

We are "rooting" for you! If you notice roots growing out of the bottom of the pot, your mangrove has outgrown that pot and needs a bigger one. Larger pots are available upon request.

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