



Perfect Places for Houseplants



Full Sun - requires 4+ hours of direct sun per day/
unobstructed east, west or south windowsill:

Aloe spp. ↓
Amaryllis (Hippeastrum spp.)
Burrow's Tail (*Sedum morganianum*) ⊕ ↓
Cacti/Succulents assorted ↓
Citrus spp. (Orange, Lime, Lemon) ↑
Crown of Thorns (*Euphorbia milii*) ↓
Dipladenia/Mandevilla spp.
Echeveria spp. ⊕ ↓
Gardenia spp. (eastern exposure is best)
Haworthia spp. ⊕ ↓
Jade (*Crassula spp.*) ↓
Miniature Roses ⊕
Pineapple Plant (*Ananas comosus*) ↑
Shamrock (*Oxalis spp.*)
String of Pearls (*Senecio rowleyanus*) ↓
Tropical Hibiscus (*Hibiscus rosa-sinensis*) ⊕
Yucca spp. ↓

Bright Light - north windowsill, indirect/filtered east,
west or south exposure/ 5-6' from sunny window/great
for most flowering and variegated varieties:

Aralia Ming/Balfour (*Polyscias spp.*)
Banana (*Musa spp.*) ⊕
Begonia spp. (Rieger, Rex, etc.)
Bird of Paradise (*Strelitzia spp.*) ↑
Bromeliads/Air Plants (*Guzmania spp./Tillandsia spp.*) ⊕
Carnivorous Plants (Venus Fly Trap ⊕, Pitcher Plant ⊕) ↑
Chinese Money Tree (*Pachira aquatica*) ⊕
Christmas Cacti (*Schlumbergera spp.*) ⊕ ↓
Croton (*Codiaeum spp.*)
English Ivy (*Hedera spp.*) ↓
Flamingo Flower (*Anthurium spp.*)
Florist Cyclamen (*Cyclamen persicum*)
Gerbera Daisy ⊕
Goldfish/Clog Plant (*Nematanthus spp.*) ⊕
Jasminum spp. (Flowering Jasmine)
Kalanchoe spp. / Calandiva ↓
Nerve Plant (*Fittonia spp.*) ⊕
Orchids (*Phalaenopsis spp.* ⊕, *Dendrobium spp.* ⊕) ↓
Palms (Areca ⊕, Fishtail, Pygmy Date ⊕, Rhapsis ⊕, Sago)
Poinsettia (*Euphorbia pulcherrima*)
Polka Dot Plant (*Hypoestes spp.*) ⊕
Primrose (*Primula spp.*)
Umbrella Plant/Arbicola (*Schefflera spp.*)
Zebra Plant (*Aphelandra squarrosa*) ⊕

Medium Light – 6-8' from a sunny window/ middle
of a bright room/ 12-14 hours fluorescent lighting/
good for most foliage plants:

African Violet (*Saintpaulia ionantha*) ⊕
Aluminum Plant (*Pilea cadierei*) ⊕
Arrowhead, Nephthytis (*Syngonium spp.*)
Asparagus Fern / Foxtail Fern (*Asparagus spp.*)
Carnivorous Plants (Venus Fly Trap ⊕, Pitcher Plant ⊕) ↑
China Doll (*Radermachera spp.*)
Dracaena spp. (Corn Plant, Dragon Tree, Lucky Bamboo) ↓
Dumb Cane (*Dieffenbachia spp.*) ↓
English Ivy (*Hedera spp.*)
False Aralia (*Plerandra elegantissima*) ⊕
Ferns (Bird's Nest, Boston ⊕, Rabbit's Foot ⊕, etc.) ↑
Ficus spp. (Rubber Plant, Weeping Fig, Fiddle Leaf) ↑
Grape/Oak Leaf Ivy (*Cissus spp.*) ⊕
Norfolk Pine (*Araucaria heterophylla*) ⊕
Palms (Bamboo ⊕, Kentia ⊕)
Peacock Plant (*Calathea spp.*) ⊕
Peperomia spp. (Baby Rubber Plant, Rippled, etc.) ⊕ ↓
Philodendron spp. (Red-leaf, Heartleaf, Selloum, etc.)
Pothos, Devil's Ivy (*Epipremnum spp.*) ↓
Prayer Plant (*Maranta spp.*) ⊕
Spider Plant (*Chlorophytum spp.*) ⊕
Swedish Ivy (*Plectranthus spp.*) ⊕
Swiss Cheese Plant (*Monstera spp.*)
Ti Plant (*Cordyline spp.*)
Waffle Plant (*Hemigraphis spp.*) ⊕
Inch Plant / Moses in a Basket / Purple Heart (*Tradescantia spp./Rhoeo spp./Setcreasea spp.*)

Low Light – 8-10' away from windows / no
windows / dark corners/ just enough light to read by:

Cast Iron Plant (*Aspidistra elatior*) ⊕
Chinese Evergreen (*Aglaonema spp.*)
Dracaena spp. (Corn Plant, Dragon Tree, Spike) ↓
Dumb Cane (*Dieffenbachia spp.*) ↓
Palm Neanthe Bella/Parlor (*Chamaedorea elegans*) ⊕
Peace Lily (*Spathiphyllum spp.*)
Philodendron spp.
Pothos, Devil's Ivy (*Epipremnum spp.*) ↓
Snake Plant (*Sansevieria spp.*) ↓
ZZ Plant (*Zamioculcas zamiifolia*) ↓

KEY

⊕ = pet friendly (dogs & cats) per ASPCA.com
↑ = accepting of moderate to high soil moisture
↓ = prefers moderate to low soil moisture

Kitchens (bright/high humidity/warm):

Begonia spp. (Rieger, Rex, etc.)
Bromeliads/Air Plants (*Guzmania spp./Tillandsia spp.*) ⊕
Dracaena spp. (Corn Plant, Dragon Tree, Spike, etc.) ↓
Herbs (Basil ⊕, Mint, Parsley, Rosemary ⊕ & Thyme ⊕)
Orchids (*Phalaenopsis spp.* ⊕, *Dendrobium spp.* ⊕) ↓
Philodendron spp. (Red-leaf, Heart-leaf, Selloum, etc.)
Spider Plant (*Chlorophytum spp.*) ⊕

Bathrooms (high humidity/fluctuating temperatures)

African Violet (*Saintpaulia ionantha*) ⊕
Asparagus Fern / Foxtail Fern (*Asparagus spp.*)
Cast Iron Plant (*Aspidistra elatior*) ⊕
Chinese Evergreen (*Aglaonema spp.*)
Croton (*Codiaeum spp.*)
Ferns (Bird's Nest, Boston ⊕, Rabbit's Foot ⊕, etc.) ↑
Flamingo Flower (*Anthurium spp.*)
Nerve Plant (*Fittonia spp.*) ⊕
Peace Lily (*Spathiphyllum spp.*)
Pothos, Devil's Ivy (*Epipremnum spp.*) ↓
Prayer Plant (*Maranta spp.*) ⊕
Spider Plant (*Chlorophytum spp.*) ⊕

Cool Foyer (drafty/bright light):

Cacti/Succulents assorted ↓
Citrus spp. (Orange, Lime, Lemon) ↑
Spider Plant (*Chlorophytum spp.*) ⊕
Umbrella Plant/Arborecola (*Schefflera spp.*)

Sunroom in winter (bright light/cold):

Asparagus Fern / Foxtail Fern (*Asparagus spp.*)
Cacti/Succulents assorted ↓
English Ivy (*Hedera spp.*) ↓
Swedish Ivy (*Plectranthus spp.*) ⊕

Sunroom in summer (bright light/warm):

Bromeliads/Air Plants (*Guzmania spp./Tillandsia spp.*) ⊕
Cacti/Succulents assorted ↓
Grape/Oak Leaf Ivy (*Cissus spp.*) ⊕
Kalanchoe spp. / Calandiva ↓

Air Purifiers (place where most time is spent, TV, office)

Baby Rubber Plant (*Peperomia obtusifolia*) ⊕
Bromeliads/Air Plants (*Guzmania spp./Tillandsia spp.*) ⊕
Chinese Evergreen (*Aglaonema spp.*)
Dracaena spp. (Corn Plant, 'Janet Craig', 'Warneckii', Dragon Tree)
English Ivy (*Hedera spp.*) ↓
Ferns (Bird's Nest, Boston ⊕, Rabbit's Foot ⊕, etc.) ↑
Ficus Tree or Weeping Ficus (*Ficus benjamina*)
Gerbera Daisy ⊕
Golden Pothos (*Epipremnum aureum*)
Orchids (*Phalaenopsis spp.* ⊕, *Dendrobium spp.* ⊕) ↓
Palms Neanthe Bella, Bamboo, (*Chamaedorea spp.*) ⊕
Peace Lily (*Spathiphyllum spp.*)
Philodendron spp.
Spider Plant (*Chlorophytum spp.*) ⊕
Umbrella Plant/Arborecola (*Schefflera spp.*)

***Non-toxic** (considered safe, not poisonous choices for families with children, dogs & cats)

****Caution**, any plant may cause unexpected reactions, including choking. Always contact the Poison Control Center or a medical professional if a plant has been ingested.

African Violet (*Saintpaulia ionantha*) ⊕
Aluminum Plant (*Pilea cadierei*) ⊕
Baby Rubber Plant (*Peperomia obtusifolia*) ⊕
Boston Fern (*Nephrolepis exaltata*) ⊕ ↑
Burrow's Tail (*Sedum morganianum*) ⊕ ↓
Cast Iron Plant (*Aspidistra elatior*) ⊕
Christmas Cacti (*Schlumbergera spp.*) ⊕ ↓
Echeveria spp. ⊕ ↓
Nerve Plant (*Fittonia spp.*) ⊕
Palms (Areca, Ponytail, Pygmy Date, Rhaps, Bamboo) ⊕
Prayer Plant (*Maranta spp.*) ⊕
Spider Plant (*Chlorophytum spp.*) ⊕
Swedish Ivy (*Plectranthus spp.*) ⊕
Wax Plant (*Hoya carnosa*) ⊕ ↓
Zebra Plant (*Aphelandra squarrosa*) ⊕

***Toxic** (poisonous/possibly dangerous):

Aralia Ming/Balfour (*Polyscias spp.*)
Arrowhead, Nephthytis (*Syngonium spp.*)
Azalea (*Rhododendron spp.*)
Begonia spp. (Rieger, Rex, etc.)
Bougainvillea
Bulbs (Amaryllis, Caladium, Calla lily, Daffodil, Hyacinth, etc.)
Cacti/Succulents assorted (*Crassula, Euphorbia, Senecio*, etc.) ↓
Chinese Evergreen (*Aglaonema spp.*)
Chrysanthemum
Dumb Cane (*Dieffenbachia spp.*) ↓
English Ivy (*Hedera spp.*) ↓
Eucalyptus
Flamingo Flower (*Anthurium spp.*)
Hydrangea spp.
Jasminum spp. (Flowering Jasmine)
Kalanchoe spp. / Calandiva ↓
Lantana camara (Shrub Verbena, Lantana)
Oleander (*Nerium oleander*)
Palms (Cardboard, Fishtail, Sago, etc.)
Peace Lily (*Spathiphyllum spp.*)
Philodendron spp.
Pothos, Devil's Ivy (*Epipremnum spp.*) ↓
Primrose (*Primula spp.*)

*This list represents a sampling of houseplant varieties that Petitti Garden Centers may carry. Petitti Garden Centers is not responsible for negligent plant use or the improper consumption of any plant by human or animal.

****Any specific information concerning child, adult or pet symptoms, possible poisonings, etc., please contact:**

- Northern Ohio Poison Control Center
24 Hour Hotline **(800) 222-1222**
- Call **911** in-case of an emergency
- **Your personal physician or veterinarian**
- Animal Poison Control Center **(888) 426-4435**
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