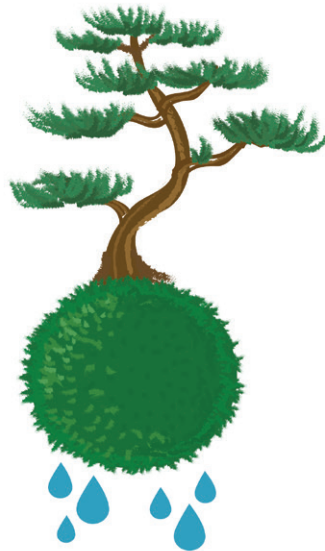


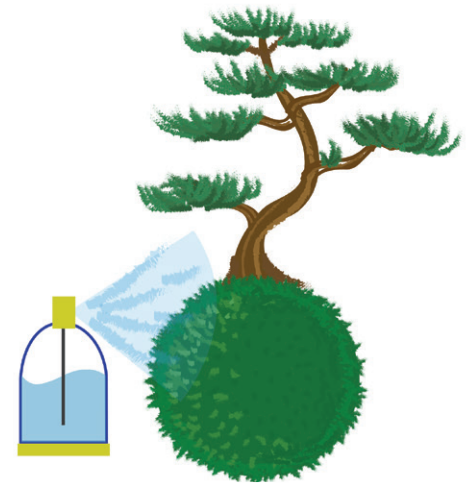
Buddhist Pine Bonsai



1 Submerge the whole moss ball in water until the bubbles stop.



2 Gently squeeze it and leave it to drain for 5 minutes



3 Mist the moss ball every 3 - 2 days if the moss feels dry.

WATER ONCE A WEEK - SPRAY EVERY 2-3 DAYS

Water when the plant feels lightweight, this can more or less a week, make sure the moss is not drenched all the time as it will go brown.

MOSS CARE - WATERING

To keep the moss-ball green, spray it with water when it feels dry. This will depend on the humidity in your home. If the moss-ball is saturated all the time the moss will go brown.

On rare occasions, mould can form on the moss. This will be due to too much watering or lack of air around the plant. If this happens, wipe off the mould with diluted washing liquid. If roots grow out of the moss ball you can easily trim them or ask for a Re-Moss service.



Wrap the moss ball with a clear plastic bag and seal it for holidays.

HOLIDAYS & MOSS RECOVERY

If you are going to go on holidays, simply water the bonsai and wait for **3 days to dry** as normally, then seal the moss ball in a plastic bag. This will generate a green-house effect were the plant will generate its own humidity and sustain itself for longer without water. The bonsai should last between **2 – 3 weeks** without water.

If you notice that your moss is going brown, water the plant and **leave it dry for 3 days**, then seal the moss-ball in a plastic bag. This will generates enough humidity to create a green-house effect. Leave the bag sealed for a week, opening only **every 3 days for 1 hour**.

BONSAI CARE

Watering is the most important factor when growing a bonsai. Bonsai trees like Sun Light. They should be turned at least once a week to ensure they grow evenly. In Winter time the Chinese Elm Bonsai will lose half of its leaves and they will go yellow. This is normal and new growth will come back in spring time. If the stems are growing very long the plant may not be getting enough sun.

FERTILISER

Feeding is done by adding the Liquid Fertilizer to the water used when watering the plant once a month and not in winter time. Feed with liquid Bonsai feed or Baby Bio throughout the growing season. The amount of feeding is dependent on the type of feed used. All types of feed carry detailed instructions on how to use them. Fertilise your bonsai when you start to see new growth in spring.

PRUNING

deciding aesthetically which branches you want to extend and which branches you want to keep the leaves. You prune the bonsai by removing the leaves from the branch and leaving it naked until the point you desire. It is always recommended to aesthetically create umbrella shapes pointing upwards. You can always do some research to look for the right aesthetic for the next years of your bonsai.

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The Pine of the Buddhist

Podocarpus is a dense evergreen with pointed, leathery, dark green leaves arranged on stiff, symmetrical branches. The tree, which is self pollinating, has male flowers in cones and female flowers composed of cylindrical thickened scales. The fruits are fleshy and brightly colored. New needles start in a light-green color that turns darker with age.

Temperature

Will survive light frost, but for best results, keep above 55F. Podocarpus can be grown successfully indoors in a well-lit spot. Prefers winter temperatures between 61-68F. Like most conifers, it has a tendency to dry out without proper humidity, and will prefer being kept away from dry heat.

Sunlight

Likes direct sunlight. Podocarpus can be kept indoors at a bright window, though it will also tolerate darker conditions. Too little light will result in large, elongated needles. In very sun-intense areas, Podocarpus may suffer leaf-burn if not given shade during the hottest part of the day.

Why are my leaves dry & brittle? Your plant has not been watered enough. Wait until it stops bubbling, then water it again 4 days later. If it bubbles again you need to water your bonsai more regularly. Make sure your bonsai is not getting too hot and drying out next to a radiator.

Why are my leaves pale green? - The reason is your plant needs fertilising. Plants need food & although your plant will arrive well fed, we recommend that you fertilise your plant once a month with Bonsai liquid feed during spring, summer and autumn. Just add it to the water when you fully submerge your moss ball. It is very important that you do not fertilise your plant in winter between November - February as your plant will hibernate during this time.