



**Child Care
SERVICES**

NON-TOXIC PLANTS FOR THE CLASSROOM

Bring nature into your classroom with a variety of non-toxic plants that encourage children to explore, discover, and learn. Caring for and interacting with safe, child-friendly plants helps spark curiosity, supports imaginative play, and provides hands-on opportunities to build knowledge and creativity.



EXAMPLES OF NON-TOXIC PLANTS



Aluminum Plant
(*Pilea Cadierei*)



Boston Fern
(*Nephrolepis
Exaltata*)



Snake Plant
(*Sansevieria
trifasciata*)



Spider Plant
(*Chlorophytum
comosum*)



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CCLC Rule: 591-1-1-.25 (17)
Physical Plant
FCCLH Rule: 290-2-3-.13 (2a)
Building and Grounds





Teaching Tips:



Not a gardener? No problem.

When you buy a classroom plant, read the plant label for instructions on how to care for the plant, including how much water and sunlight it will need.



Clearly label the plant with its name and the word “non-toxic.”



Place the plant where children can easily observe it while keeping it safe from being knocked over. Consider displaying it in the Dramatic Play Center, on a classroom windowsill, or on a low shelf in the Science Center.



Invite children to help water and care for the plant with teacher support.



Provide a small measuring cup for watering the plant. It is easy for children to use and creates opportunities to explore numbers and measurement while caring for the plant.



When watering or observing the plant, engage children in conversations about nature and science concepts such as:

- Pointing out new leaves, flowers, or other growth.
- Discussing how water helps plants grow.
- Talking about measurement while watering.
- Discussing what the colors on the leaves indicate.



Add a variety of age-appropriate children's books about caring for indoor plants to the Book Center to connect hands-on learning with literacy. Include at least one factual book that children can use to identify and meet the needs of their classroom plants.



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