

What Plants Need

Practical skills

The six requirements, and which one is usually the problem.

Everything a plant needs, and the common failure for each.

Need	Too little	Too much
Light	Leggy, pale, no flowers	Scorched leaves
Water	Wilting, crisp edges	Yellow leaves, root rot
Drainage	—	Waterlogging kills roots
Nutrients	Pale, stunted	Leaf burn, salt crust
Air	Stagnant, mould	—
Space	Root-bound	—

Yellow lower leaves usually mean too much water. Crisp brown edges usually mean too little. They look similar and are opposite.