



Signs Your Succulent Needs Water

and how to tell when your soil
is completely dry

What you'll learn

Proper watering is one of the biggest challenges succulent growers face. However, your succulent will tell you when it needs more or less water.

In this guide you'll learn:

- How to tell when the soil in your succulent pot is completely dry
- Early signs indicating your succulent needs more water
- Early signs indicating your succulent needs less water

Is the soil dry?

There isn't a set time frame for when to water succulents. It depends on where your succulents are growing, temperature, humidity, pot material, soil material, etc. Your succulents should only be watered when the soil is completely dry.



How to tell

1. After your succulent has been watered, hold the pot in your hands and note the weight.
2. Then, over the next few days, lift the pot again. If it feels lighter than the previous time, check again later.
3. Once you no longer notice the pot getting lighter it is time to water again.

Why it works

Water adds weight to your pot. As it evaporates the pot becomes lighter. When you no longer notice a change in weight, most of the water is evaporated completely.

Other methods

I cover three other common ways to determine if the soil is dry, plus reasons why you should use a particular method in my course, [Successfully Growing Succulents](#).

[Click here to learn more about how to water succulents and determining if soil is dry!](#)

More water needed



What it looks like

- Dull color
- Limp leaves that hang down instead of firm and upright
- Thinner than normal, soft wrinkles

What to do

- Increase your watering frequency
- Ensure soil is getting wet all the way through

Less water please!



What it looks like

- Translucent leaves
- Yellow hue to otherwise colorful leaves
- Mushy, juicy appearance
- Leaves fall off with the slightest touch

What to do

- Don't water again for at least a week, longer if the soil is still wet
- Check the stem for black, mushy spots
- Reduce your watering frequency in the future to prevent rot from reoccurring

Learn More

If you are struggling with watering succulents, my course, [Successfully Growing Succulents](#), is the perfect solution! In the course I cover topics in-depth including:

- How to determine the best watering schedule for your succulents
- Detailed diagnosis of whether your watering schedule is working

[**Click here to learn more about the best way to water succulents and ensure they live a long, healthy life!**](#)