



## 9 STEPS TO EASY ORCHIDS

Everyone knows orchids are beautiful.  
Not everyone knows that they're easy!

- 1 Orchids retain their BLOOMS anywhere from one to four months! With proper care they will re-bloom anywhere from a few months to a year later!
- 2 Aside from WEEKLY WATERING, the best thing to do for an orchid-in-bloom is to enjoy it! Most orchid related problems come from 'over-care,' usually over-watering.
- 3 WATER your orchid in the sink once a week. Give it a nice soak in lukewarm water.
- 4 Orchids, while in bloom, can be placed virtually anywhere in the house! Just be sure to account for the HUMIDITY that orchids love. This can be accomplished by simply placing your potted orchid above a tray with gravel and water.
- 5 Orchids can also be MISTED IN THE MORNING, but try not to allow water to remain on leaves overnight.
- 6 The best time to RE-POT orchids is immediately after they bloom. Orchids should be repotted every 1-2 years, as the planting medium will decompose. We recommend planting orchids using Hoffman's Organic Special Orchid Mix.
- 7 FERTILIZE your out-of-bloom orchids with Miracle-Gro Orchid Food every 2 weeks during active growth periods; 4 weeks during rest periods.
- 8 Out-of-bloom orchids will require a day to night temperature change of 10-15° to encourage NEW BUDS. Minimum temperature is around 60°.
- 9 In general, orchid leaves should be bright green... dark green leaves indicate not enough light, yellowish or reddish leaves indicate too much LIGHT. Most orchids, such as Phalaenopsis, Oncidium, and Lady Slippers, prefer low light, while others, like Cattleya and Dendrobium, require moderate light to rebloom.