



*Harpers*

NURSERIES & FLOWER SHOPS

# CARE OF HOUSE PLANTS

Suggestions on when to water house plants:

1. Water when the pot has partially dried out. This means when the soil looks and feels dry, not only on the surface, but half an inch down.
2. Water when the pot feels very light. Wet soil is heavy.
3. Water if the pot gives a hollow, ringing sound when tapped with a wooden ruler.
4. If plant droops and soil is wet, root ball may be compacted. Submerge plant completely until all bubbling stops then allow plant to dry out.
5. Water when plant droops unless the soil is obviously wet already. A flagging plant in wet soil may have been damaged by over-watering and it should be allowed to dry out almost completely before more water is poured into the pot. Spraying of the foliage while the soil is drying out may help.
6. Always water plants from the top and flush thoroughly to prevent salt burn.
7. When watering, do so thoroughly. Allow water to rush through the pot several times. Do not allow the plant to stand in water.
8. Always water from the top to leach salts from soil.