

# SUN FLOWER

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## FILL YOUR HOME WITH BEAUTY, COLOR, AND THE VERY LIFE ENERGY-CHI!

### 1.0 Low Maintenance Indoor Plants:

People who have read “**THE SECRET LIFE OF PLANTS**” by Peter Tompkins and Christopher Bird will understand “**why plant lovers want plants inside homes as well**”.

It is not just colour or a touch of nature, but the very ‘chi’—life energy—that plants bring home when you have an indoor garden. Look at them, talk to them and share your emotions for they give company to heart and soul.

These days, with space at premium, it is expensive to have ‘landscape’ gardens outside homes. But still, you can have your own garden at home if you know what plants grow indoors or in small available spaces with less sunlight.

Growing indoor plants is an art, if not a matter of having a green thumb. It is a simple art anyone can master. To have a beautiful indoor garden, you should know which plants to go for. That will depend on the space available to you, and how much light can the plant have in the space. In cities where both light and space are less, it is best to go for plants that need less sunlight.

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## 2.0 Plants that thrive on less Sunlight



**Aglaonema:** is a genus of perennial evergreen plants in the family Araceae. The plants in this genus are wonderful low light houseplants, and are among the easiest to maintain. They are one of the only plants which can survive long periods of time in poorly lighted and badly ventilated areas. Numerous species of aglaonema are available, from gorgeous specimens with variegated foliage to darker, green-leaved varieties.

Plants in the aglaonema genus are slow-growers, but can eventually grow up to four feet in height, depending on species. Aglaonema only need to be repotted once every two or three years, as they grow slowly and prefer to be slightly rootbound. They may be repotted in any season, when it does become time to move to a larger pot.



**Dracaenas:** Dracaenas are naturally understory rain forest plants, so they prefer bright but indirect light. Lack of light may yellow the leaves or cause the plant to look spindly. Place the plant in a brighter location, or supplement with artificial lighting. Easy foliage houseplant with thin variegated leaves. Keep the humidity up to stop leaf drop. A great plant for kitchens. The branched specimens (as photo on left) really are beautiful with aged trunk and very bushy crowns

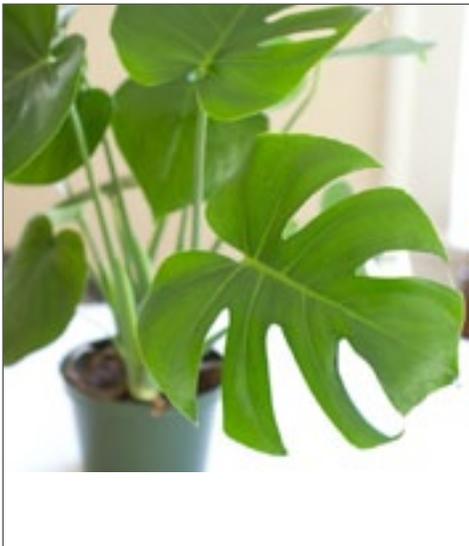


**Dieffenbachia:** requires moist soil, so water frequently. You may also place a tray under the pot with water in it to help in keeping the plants soil moist at all times. This houseplant also requires high humidity levels so misting daily will also help keep the plant healthy.



**Epipremnum Pothos:** *Extremely easy to grow. It is commonly known as Money plant in india. Cut them back a couple times a year to keep the plant bushy and full. Cutting right above a leaf node (the place where the leaf is attached to the stem) will encourage the stem to branch out, giving you a fuller plant.*

*It will look its best in moderate or bright light. It makes an excellent office plant bcause it grows well under artificial lights. Its trailing stems make pothos an attractive plant for a hanging basket.*



**Philodendron:** *requires The key with philodendrons is to provide plenty of warmth, bright light and moisture. These plants are not prone to insects, and are generally vigorous growers. Feed generously during the growing season. The climbing varieties also make excellent hanging or trailing plants. Of all the philodendrons, it will survive best indoors. The varieties with velvety leaves are less tolerant of bright light and need higher humidity and warmth. Use the newer self-heading hybrids if you want to avoid climbing plants.*



**Sansevieria:** *The Snake Plant has green banded leaves, while the Mother-in-Law's Tongue features a yellow border. These plants are among the toughest of all houseplants—they can withstand virtually any conditions, from dark to bright. The only way to surely kill them is to overwater or never water at all.*

*Sansevieria can be divided easily during repotting. Alternatively, new shoots, which emerge from the soil as spikes, can be taken and potted independently. They are rapid growers once established. Cuttings can also be taken, but it's much easier to rely on division.*



**Syngonium :** *These plants will thrive under the same conditions as the related philodendron. In the home, these are often used as trailing plants or can be trained up a pole or moss stick. They are perfect for a sunroom or greenhouse conservatory where ample heat, light and humidity will encourage their tropical nature.*



**Spathyphillum :** *The Peace Lily is a striking plant when used in a massed display. They bloom in the spring with long-lasting flowers that hover gracefully over the leaves on thin stalks, although they can be forced to bloom in the fall or winter. A very well-grown Peace Lily may bloom twice a year, resulting in several months of flowers. All spathyphillum are vulnerable to bugs including aphids, mites and scale, as well as root rot if they are allowed to sit in water. Curled, pale leaves generally indicate too much light. Scorched leaves indicate direct sun. Plants that are not properly fertilized may fail to bloom.*

## Plants that thrive on medium sunlight



Anthurium



Phoenix palm



Kentia palm



Orchid varieties



Chlorophytum



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Raphis palm



Ficus varieties

## Landscaping Trends:

**Curb appeal = home sale:** High-quality landscaping increased home sale prices from 5.7 to 10.8 percent, compared to average landscaping, - according to a study in the Journal of Environmental Horticulture. The University of Minnesota research shows that every \$1 spent on landscaping returns \$1.35. Smart sellers know the best way to improve the first impression of a home is to improve its landscape curb appeal.

**Nostalgia is just as “cool” as the latest trends:** Many people are recreating garden memories from mom’s and grandma’s gardening days using old favorites like peonies and daisies. Look for new spins on old staples like peonies, daisies, roses and iris, which are now available in more colorful and hardy varieties.

**Plant more Trees:** Trees are nature’s canopies for providing shade, providing many returns such as reduced summer energy costs and improved landscape aesthetics and curb appeal. Before planting a shade tree consider available space, tree root encroachment, and climate restrictions.

**Water-wise awareness is mainstream:** Being water-wise is budget and environmentally friendly, sustainable and just common sense. Homeowners are upgrading sprinkler systems to cut water usage and costs with efficient nozzles, timers and rain sensors, to use only the amount of water plants really need. Rainwater conservation systems are also a great way to recycle this precious resource.

**Get going- on going green:** Sustainable landscapes maximize available resources – water, light, the best plant combinations and use of local products. Reduce/reuse/recycle is possible through composting of local products and recycling the hardscape materials.

**A place for kids is top priority:** Let little ones help Creating outdoor environments that attract butterflies and other wildlife that extend beyond video games!



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