

PLANTS TO READ ABOUT

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PLANT PORTRAIT

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Botanical classification	Yucca gigantea
Family	Asparagaceae
Origin	Central America
Delivery size	17 cm pot · approximately 80 cm
Growth and distinctive feature	Woody yucca; offered indoor form with two trunks of different heights

Care at a glance

Observe, check and adapt care to the position and season. This table provides guidance for everyday practice.

Topic	What to do	Why it helps
Light	Keep very bright, acclimatising gradually to direct sun.	A bright position supports firm, compact new rosettes.
Water	Let the root ball dry somewhat between waterings and check before each watering.	Constant wetness is riskier than a short dry period.
Compost	Use a well-drained, structurally stable mix with mineral components.	Keep drainage holes clear.
Feeding	During growth, feed sparingly according to product instructions.	Reduce with little light or during winter rest.
Summer	A sheltered outdoor position is possible after acclimatisation.	Bring indoors before cold nights.
Winter	Keep bright and frost-free and adjust watering closely to need.	Do not equate it with hardy garden yuccas.
Trunks	Check firmness and container stability.	Soft tissue in wet compost calls for investigating the cause.
Leaf care	Remove old, dead foliage and check undersides.	Preserve healthy rosettes and leaf surfaces.

Knowledge that grows

A yucca, not a true palm

The widespread indoor yucca is usually listed as *Yucca gigantea* or under the older name *Yucca elephantipes*. It belongs to the asparagus family. Its round, woody trunk and sword-shaped leaf rosettes create the palm-like impression reflected in many trade names. The selected offer identifies a yucca in general; its form and care are explained here in the context of the usual indoor yucca. Distinguish it from hardy garden yuccas with different requirements.

Two trunks give the plant depth

The specific offer shows two round trunks of different heights with leaf crowns. Approximately 80 cm total height and a 17 cm pot are stated. This compact combination can stand on the floor beside low seating if sufficient light reaches it. The rosettes need some lateral room. The scene follows the delivery form and does not show a mature outdoor plant. A heavy outer pot that will not tip helps keep the relatively slender growing pot stable in everyday use.

Plenty of light for firm new leaves

Yucca likes a bright to very bright position. Acclimatise gradually to direct sunshine after shipping rather than placing it immediately on a hot terrace. A summer stay outdoors can work if the position is sheltered and the plant is brought back inside in good time before cold nights. Indoors, keep it close enough to daylight. Long, thin new leaves and a loose structure can indicate insufficient light. Avoid cold draughts and abrupt temperature changes.

Assessing the compost before the next application

Let the root ball dry somewhat between waterings and also check a little below the surface. Then water slowly and evenly and remove leftover water. It tolerates dry periods better than permanently wet compost, but should not be left unobserved for months. Water needs often fall sharply in winter. The shop's general wording about moist compost is therefore combined with the plant's specific need for good drainage and drying between waterings. A soft trunk with a wet root ball is a serious warning sign.

Drainage and moderate nutrition

A structurally stable mix with a good mineral component makes drainage easier. A watertight outer pot cannot replace drainage holes. Repot only when clearly well rooted and into a suitably larger size. During growth, feed sparingly according to product instructions; reduce with little light and at rest. Individual old lower leaves gradually turn brown and can be removed gently. Preserve green crowns. If the plant becomes too tall, cutting back can encourage new shoots, but needs suitable growing conditions.

Avoiding confusion and care mistakes

A hardy garden yucca does not prove that an indoor yucca in a container can overwinter outside. Provide a bright, frost-free position for this form. Check rosettes and leaf undersides for mealybugs or scale insects. Brown tips can have different causes; assess moisture, light and roots together. Even relatively soft leaf tips should not intrude into narrow walkways. The plant is ornamental, not food, and should be kept away from nibbling pets.

Pictures and details

Images and descriptions from this portrait. Decorative items are not included in the offer.



Original shop photo: yucca. 17 cm pot · approximately 80 cm.
Natural variation is possible.

Good to know

Is yucca a palm?

No, it belongs to the asparagus family.

Are both trunks part of this offer?

The selected offer shows the indoor form with two round trunks. The current delivery description in the shop remains authoritative.

Can it overwinter outdoors?

The indoor form described here is overwintered bright and frost-free. Hardy garden species need a different assessment.

Why is the trunk soft?

Wet, damaged roots may be involved, among other causes. Check the root ball and drainage rather than watering again immediately.

The matching offer

[Plant in the shop](#)

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English portrait



Shop offer (in German)