

# Over winter succulents as house plants

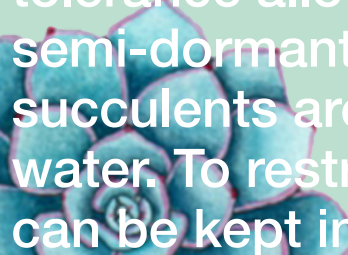


Most succulents will survive the winter in a sunny windowsill. The primary danger is overwatering. Many succulents are easily susceptible to root-rot when overwatered or allowed to let sit in water. To stay on the safe side, wait up to 6 weeks between watering in the winter. Succulents are okay in cooler temperatures, but avoid cold drafts or hot registers.

## This time of year succulents are semi-dormant



Succulents do not go into total dormancy, but their drought-tolerance allows those of us cold climates to put them in a semi-dormant state. The naturally lower light levels mean succulents aren't actively growing, thus they require less water. To restrict growth even more, succulents and cactus can be kept in cooler temperatures around 40-50F.



## Take cuttings to save space

Many succulents are easy to propagate by cuttings. You can do this by taking tip cuttings, or leaf propagations. The first involves just snipping the top of whatever succulent and sticking in soil. Most cuttings take 4-6 weeks to root. Leaf propagations may yield more plants but take significantly longer. Take leaves from your succulent and set atop soil in a sunny location. Water whenever soil is completely dry. Depending on variety it can take 4 weeks to 1 year for plants to begin to grow.

