Caring For Your Succulents

**Zones**
HARDY SUCCULENTS are hardy zone 3-9 unless otherwise labeled. Plants shipped in early spring are dormant. They will appear dull in color and have some dry edges. This is normal and when placed in sunlight they will intensify in color. Sempervivums change color with the seasons and each variety has its own most colorful time of the year.

**Light**
Most varieties need at least half a day to a full day of sunlight. In extremely hot areas some afternoon shade is recommended. Artificial office lighting for 12 hours a day will work on most plants. For information on winterizing your succulents visit my website [www.tamisonart.com](http://www.tamisonart.com) and ask for further instructions.

**Planting**
Remove plants from their pots and plant making sure the soil level remains the same depth on the plant. Soil should be placed all the way to the top of the pot to prevent standing water. Once established, your succulents will benefit from a layer of pebbles or pea gravel spread on the soil around the plant. This helps keep the leaves dry.

**Soil**
Succulents need good draining soil. When planting in the garden, make sure the area drains well and is not in a low spot that would stay wet. For container planting you can purchase cactus soil or incorporate sand, gravel or volcanic rock for better drainage. The container you are planting in should have a drainage hole or put crushed rock on the bottom before your planting medium.

**Watering**
After planting, water well and allow air flow to dry out quickly. Water carefully keeping the leaves dry and allow the soil to dry slightly between watering. Once a week light watering is best. Succulents don't like to have wet feet, in winter use less water. It’s important that the soil is completely dry before watering again. I will be carrying watering containers soon to help you easily water properly. If your plant cannot have proper lighting in winter you can cease watering to allow the plant to go doormat. For more information on this visit my website [www.tamisonart.com](http://www.tamisonart.com) and ask for this specifically.

**Fertilizer**
Most succulents need very little fertilizer. Watering with a well balanced fertilizer once a month will be all they need. This is optional it will help your plants mature more quickly.

**Flowering**
Sedum all have different bloom times and colors ranging from pink, red and yellow. Sempervivums will bloom after the second or third year. A flower stalk will shoot up from the center of the main rosette with a cluster of flowers. After the flower dies, gently twist off the stalk. The main rosette has put on new offsets that will fill in.

**Trouble shooting** Overcrowding- can cause disease, rot, and bugs. Air flow and drying is important in succulents, if your pot becomes too crowded, buy more pots and transplant the excess. You can purchase replacement pots at[www.tamisonart.com](http://www.tamisonart.com). When requesting info be specific to what you would like to know. I have many documents on the care of plants and don’t want to overload you.