

## HOW IT WORKS



### USING WATERING GLOBES FOR HOUSEPLANTS

Watering globes are primarily designed to help moderate the amount of water plants receive. The "set it and forget it" convenience factor is a secondary benefit, so be careful not to rely on it exclusively for the general caring of your plant.

### CONVENIENCE

These beautiful Glass watering globes can be handy when you leave for the holidays. They are great for duration lasting from 2 to 3 days but be careful relying on them for longer periods up to one week. Multiple factors affect the rate of water flow as explained below in frequency between filling.

### HOW TO INSTALL AND PREVENTING CLOGGING

Make sure the soil is damp, then make a hole in the soil (about the diameter of the spout) using a suitable tool that is at hand, such as a pen, pencil or knife. Insert the spout into the hole, and press firmly in. Simply pushing the spout into the soil can force dirt into the opening resulting in clogging and even worse, breaking of the globe especially if the soil is dry.

Fill the water globes with water and then insert the stems into the houseplant soil.

The globes administer a steady dose of water that is absorbed as your soil dries out, which provides a more constant moisture balance. This avoids waterlogging of the plant or the other extreme of the soil becoming bone-dry between watering. The globe helps moderate the water that the plant receives.

### FREQUENCY BETWEEN FILLING

There is no set time between refilling, so be careful of over-zealous advertising. The rate of water flow depends on the type of soil, size and type of plant. Check if the soil is dry and refill as necessary.

Filed water globes can last up to one week in some soils but only a few days in others. The frequency of refills depends on the size of the glass watering globe, the size of the pot, the type of soil and the type of

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plant (some plants are more thirsty than others). It's best to try it first until you get a sense of how long it lasts for each specific case.

## **CLEAN THE GLOBE OFTEN**

The long cylindrical part of the watering globe can get clogged with soil debris.

The interior of the globe can also grow mould and algae. Use warm water mixed with detergent to clean the watering globe.

A combination of baking soda and lemon juice can also be effective in dislodging algae. Either make a solution then pour into the spout, or sprinkle the baking soda into the globe then pour in the lemon juice. Shake well to scrub out the dirt, mould and algae.

In event the stem is clogged with dirt, pour warm water to loosen the dirt, then use a thin stick or straw to poke at the dirt, then pour more warm water and shake. Repeat the process as needed. If the plant shows signs of wilting that has not been solved by this watering system, it may be an indication the plant needs to be repotted.

## **CARE AND CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Do NOT use abrasive cleaners or sharp utensils to clean this product.
- Store the item in a cool, dry place.
- Wipe with a clean dry cloth.

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