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**Say *Goodbye* to Limp Orchid Leaves
Say *Hello* to Perfectly Watered Orchids
Cheat Sheet**

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A step-by-step guide to watering orchids.

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Identify Under-watered Orchids



Leaves are droopy and leathery.
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Identify Over-watered Orchids

Like under-watered orchids, the leaves of over-watered orchids are also droopy and leathery.



This orchid has been over-watered to the point of no-return. Crown rot has claimed this orchid and it cannot be saved.



Roots are mushy and limp. Some roots may be thread-like, without the protective velum coating.

Identify Healthy Orchids

LEAVES are upright and bright green. Most orchid leaves should be lighter in color than the lush green typical of other plants.



HEALTHY ROOT TIPS are green or even magenta in color.

HEALTHY ROOTS are silvery green or white, and should only be bright green after watering.

Tips for checking to see if your orchid needs water.

Do NOT use dried out looking aerial roots to determine if the orchid needs water.

Do check the potting media for dampness.

Do check the pot for condensation, if the orchid is potted in a clear pot.

Do stick your finger into the medium. If the medium is wet or you see condensation, wait to water.



Don't let dry aerial roots trick you into thinking you need to water. Check the potting medium instead