

Hi from GARDENS OY VEY,

The question on 'How can I keep my moss green?' has come up very often for us.

In previous years we have created 100's of indoor and outdoor 'Table Gardens'. The follow up care varied for many of our customers. For some the moss did exceptional well and kept green for years. For others it browned in just a week.

In our experience it does very well on outdoor containers, less well on indoor containers.

It performs very well in terrariums or vivariums.

In summer the moss is dug in our premises often in total drought. After arrival you may just uncover and lightly moisten the flats.

For outdoor ground applications you can lay them either on unprepared or slightly cultivated ground and just step on it to hold it down, then water. Fertilizing is not needed.

For indoor use, make sure to check moisture levels when your moss tray arrives. Fluff mosses with your hands. Rehydrate as needed and keep moist, but not soggy, a moist piece of cardboard will help as base, until planted.

If possible, stage your mosses outdoors until planting, rather than inside locations. Air conditioning or heat will dry out mosses quickly, and therefore require more attention to keep them fresh.

Keeping moss indoors is very carefree, as it doesn't need much moisture or sunlight and absolutely no fertilizer. Mist the surface a couple of times a week to keep the moss moist. After you mist it, replace the top on the container, leaving a small amount of space for air to exchange.

Moss care indoors includes giving the container the right amount of light. A window with about two hours of morning light is ideal if you have one. If not, place the container in the sun for a couple of hours first thing in the day, then move it to a bright spot out of direct sunlight. Alternately, you can grow your indoor moss garden on a desk with a fluorescent lamp about 12 inches (31 cm.) above the container.

We hope this helps a little.

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