



How to Repot a Dying Plant

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INTRODUCTION

If your houseplant is starting to wilt, use this guide to repot the dying houseplant. A houseplant will start to die if it is left in conditions that inhibit its growth. Such conditions include a pot that is too small for the plant. Another variable that may affect your plant is bacteria growing on the roots. Treating your plant's roots in a hydrogen peroxide/water mixture would eliminate most bacteria that cause your plant to wilt. Repotting the plant to address these issues can revive it and allow it to continue to grow. Before getting started, you will need a mixture of 1/2 cup of water and 1/2 cup of hydrogen peroxide poured into a bowl. Use caution when handling hydrogen peroxide to avoid burns to the skin and eyes.

TOOLS:

- [Planting Pot](#) (1)
 - [Hydrogen Peroxide/Liquid Oxygen Bleach](#) (1)
 - [Potting soil](#) (1)
 - [Bowl](#) (1)
 - [Rocks/gravel](#) (1)
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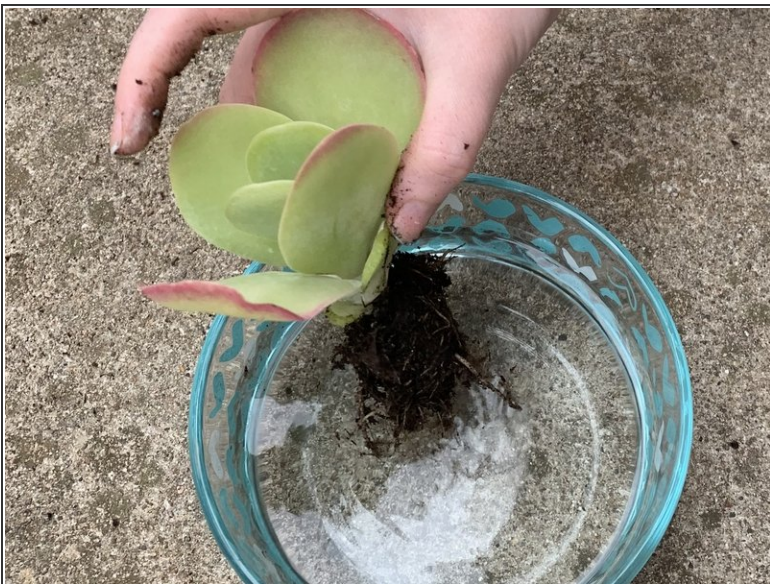
Step 1 — How to Repot a Dying Plant



- Remove the entire plant from its previous pot by grasping the plant at the base of the stem and gently removing the soil and dead plant material from the plant roots with your fingers.

⚠ Warning: Be cautious not to break any living roots while removing the soil.

Step 2



- Place only the roots in the hydrogen peroxide/water mixture to soak.

Step 3



- Cover the bottom of the new pot with small rocks to ensure proper soil drainage.
- ⓘ Tip: Make sure the rocks are not too big as they may stop water from draining out.

Step 4



- Fill the new pot halfway with fresh potting soil.

Step 5



- Press a small hole into the top of the soil.
- ⓘ Tip: The hole should not go deeper than the roots of the plant.

Step 6



- Place the plant roots-first in the hole and gently push the surrounding soil over them. If necessary, fill in the sides around the plant base with soil for stability.

⚠ Warning: Do not press down on the soil as this can decrease the drainage capacity.

Your plant should thrive now that it is able to extend its roots in a larger pot. Proper care and sunlight will ensure your plant lives a long and healthy life, however, these steps can be repeated in the future if necessary.