

**Botanical name:**  
**Genus: Crassula**  
**Species: ovata**

**Common Name(s):** Jade plant

**Latin Family Name:**

Crassulaceae

**English Family Name:** Stonecorp

Synonymous with *C. argentea*

### **The plant**

**Origin; country or region:** Native to South Africa

**Growth habit:** Jade plant is a subtropical broadleaf evergreen succulent

**Flower description:** Tiny flowers are white to pink, but rarely appear in indoor plants

**Blooming period/availability:** NA

**Leaf/Foliage Description:** Evergreen, fleshy, oval-shaped leaves and thick, woody stems that resemble tiny tree trunks  
Leaves may acquire red tints when grown in direct sun

**Usage :** Generally undemanding and easy to grow

### **STRENGTHS/OPPORTUNITIES:**

Low levels of care needed; the jade plant requires little water and can survive in most indoor conditions

### **WEAKNESS:**

Grow slowly, growing about 2 inches a year

They are susceptible to too much moisture and a selection of diseases. As with all succulents, over watering is sure to be fatal, so err on the side of keeping the soil too dry rather than too wet

Jade plant is often kept in the pots due to belief that it ensures luck with money (hence the nickname "money plant")



Jade plant is named after jade-like, dark green color of the leaves

### **Care & Handling**

**Longevity:** 10 years plus, the jade plant is well-known for its ease of propagation, and new plants can be easily propagated from a single leaf or cutting taken from a mother plant giving you the opportunity to drastically increase your collection with ease

**Water requirements:** The Jade plant requires little water, let it dry between watering

**Light:** Jade plants also need plenty of light to develop to their full potential

**Soil/Nutrition requirements:** A blend of equal parts coarse sand and potting soil will make a good growing medium for indoor plants  
Jade plants require little, if any, fertilizer

**Special care/remarks:** Remove dead leaves regularly  
All parts of the plant are toxic to cats and dogs

**TRIVIA:** Tortoises like to eat leaves of Jade plant.  
Many species of wasp build nest on the stem of this plant

