

# Snake Plant Care Tips

*Sansevieria*



The snake plant or *Sansevieria* pronounced (san-se-vi-ee'-ri-ah) a member of the Lily Family, popularly goes by other common names. The very “politically correct” Mother-in-Law’s tongue and Bowstring-hemp.

The genus named after the Prince of Sanseviero born in Naples in 1710. The primary plant of the genus *Sansevieria trifasciata*, originates from tropical Africa. The snake plant has been in cultivation for over 250 years. But grown in the US foliage trade since the 1920’s.

These are architectural plants with stiff, upright leaves up to 3 or 4 feet tall. The Snake Plant has green banded leaves, while the Mother-in-Law's Tongue features a yellow border.

These plants are among the toughest of all houseplants—they can withstand virtually any conditions, from dark to bright. The only way to surely kill them is to overwater or never water at all.