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Your Expert Guide to Diagnosing & Fixing
Every Common Succulent Issue

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■ Leggy Growth

■ Mushy Leaves

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Welcome!

Thank you for joining the Succulent Garden Web community!

This handbook is your go-to reference for diagnosing and solving the most common succulent problems — from yellow leaves to leggy growth to mushy pachyphytum in winter.

We're a passionate group of succulent lovers dedicated to sharing fresh ideas, expert care advice, and creative inspiration every day. Whether you're a first-time plant parent or a seasoned collector, we've got something valuable for you inside these pages.

About Succulent Garden Web

A growing library of succulent care guides, variety spotlights, DIY ideas, and troubleshooting tips — all curated by passionate succulent enthusiasts.

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Why Are My Succulent Leaves Turning Yellow?

The 8 most common causes — and exactly how to fix them

Overwatering

Waterlogged roots cause mushy, yellow leaves.

FIX: Let soil dry fully. Water once every 2-3 weeks.

Underwatering

Leaves shrivel then yellow as stored water depletes.

FIX: Water thoroughly when soil is completely dry.

Poor Lighting

Low light stops photosynthesis; leaves pale then yellow

FIX: Move to bright spot. 6 hrs sun/day minimum.

Extreme Cold

Temps below 40°F (5°C) damage leaf tissue.

FIX: Keep at 65-85°F. Shield from cold drafts.

Pest Infestation

Spider mites & mealybugs drain sap from leaves.

FIX: Treat with neem oil or insecticidal soap.

Wrong Soil

Regular potting soil retains too much moisture.

FIX: Use cactus/succulent mix or add perlite.

Nutrient Deficiency

Lack of nitrogen causes thin, pale-yellow leaves.

FIX: Use diluted succulent fertiliser in spring/summer.

Natural Aging

Base leaves yellow as the plant grows — totally normal!

FIX: Simply remove yellow base leaves as they appear.



How to Fix a Leggy or Stretched Succulent

Etiolation explained + a complete 6-step rescue plan

What is Etiolation?

Etiolation is a stretching response where succulents reach desperately toward light. Leaves spread apart, stems elongate, and the plant loses its compact shape. The GOOD news: you can revive it, propagate new plants, and prevent it recurring!

1

Give It a Haircut

Use clean pruners. Remove lower leaves until you have a compact top section

Tip: Cut stem to 1-2 inches above soil.

2

Let the Leaves Dry

Set removed leaves in a dry, shaded area for a few days.

Tip: Callusing prevents rotting when planted.

3

Repot the Stem

Use well-draining succulent/cactus mix + perlite.

Tip: No stem? Nestle just the rosette into soil.

4

Prepare for Propagation

Lay dried leaves on top of fresh soil — do NOT bury them.

Tip: Keep in bright indirect light, spaced out.

5

Water Sparingly & Wait

Lightly mist when soil is dry. Roots appear in 2-4 weeks.

Tip: Full plant: allow 2-3 months.

6

Replant & Show Off

Once rooted, transfer to individual pots.

Tip: Rotate weekly so all sides get equal light.

★ Ongoing Care Reminder

Rotate plant 90° weekly • Check roots every 6 months • 6+ hrs bright indirect light daily
Feed with cactus fertilizer in spring/summer • Use grow lights if natural light is limited

Fix Leggy Succulents Without Repotting

7 gentle tricks — no soil changes, no disruption

1. Assess First

Is it slightly stretched or severely etiolated? Minor cases only need

✓ *If the rosette at crown is gone, propagation may be needed.*

2. Increase Light Gradually

Move to south/east-facing window. Add 30 min of extra sun each day.

✓ *Never shock the plant into full sun — sunburn is real!*

3. Keep Rotating

Turn the pot 90° every week to ensure balanced, even growth on all sides

✓ *This stops the plant from leaning toward one light source.*

4. Trim Hopeless Stems

If stems are beyond recovery, snip them with clean scissors.

✓ *These cuttings can be propagated into brand-new plants!*

5. Propagate New Cuttings

Use 2-3" stem cuttings with lower 2 leaves. Let callus for 1-2 days first

✓ *Plant in cactus mix, mist when dry. Roots form in 2-4 weeks.*

6. Boost Air Circulation

Stale air slows growth. Move near a gentle fan or ajar window.

✓ *Good airflow also prevents mold on new cuttings.*

7. Soak & Dry Watering

Water deeply only when soil is completely dry. Avoid late-evening watering

✓ *Strong roots from proper watering = more compact growth.*

CH. 04: Leggy Echeveria

Without cutting it back

CH. 05: Pachyphytum

Mushy leaves — winter care

- 1 **Fix the Lighting**
Low light causes etiolation — succulents stretch to
- 2 **Introduce Sun Slowly**
Move to S/E window. Start with 2 hrs, build to 4-6 h
- 3 **Clean the Window!**
Dusty glass blocks surprising amounts of light. Wipe
- 4 **Use a Grow Light**
LED grow light 6-12" above plant works great in low-
- 5 **Propagate via Leaves**
Pull base leaves cleanly (whole base only). Lay on s
- 6 **Callus Before Planting**
Let cuttings dry 2-3 days before planting to prevent
- 7 **Gentle Watering**
Mist lightly every few days until roots form. Then w

About Pachyphytum

From Mexico, 600-1500m elevation. Greek: "pachys" (thick) + "phytum" (plant). Thick, fleshy rosette leaves. Mushy leaves = almost always overwatering, esp. in winter.

- 1 **Stop Watering Immediately**
Finger test: 1" deep into soil. Moist = no water needed
- 2 **Root Health Check**
Remove plant, inspect roots. Cut mushy roots with ster
- 3 **Porous Soil Mix**
Sandy soil + perlite + pebbles + cocopeat + compost.
- 4 **Drainage Holes!**
Every pot MUST have drainage. Puncture plastic pots if
- 5 **Bright Spot**
South-facing window. Morning sun, sheltered from harsh
- 6 **Last Resort: Propagate**
Stem & leaf propagation. Keep healthy parts, discard d



Quick-Diagnosis Cheat Sheet

Spot the symptom → find the cause → apply the fix

SYMPTOM	LIKELY CAUSE	QUICK FIX
● Yellow + mushy leaves	Overwatering / root rot	Stop watering. Check roots. Repot if needed.
● Yellow + shrivelled leaves	Underwatering	Soak-water thoroughly. Resume regular schedule.
● Pale yellow + stretching	Insufficient light	Move to bright spot or add grow light.
● Yellow spots / patches	Sunburn from direct harsh sun	Diffuse light with sheer curtain. Indirect light.
● Leggy stem, spaced leaves	Etiolation (not enough light)	Increase light gradually. Consider propagation.
● Top-heavy, tilting plant	Severe etiolation	Trim, propagate, repot in well-draining mix.
● Mushy base leaves	Cold damage or overwatering	Move to 65-85°F. Reduce watering.
● Sticky, tiny web residue	Spider mites / mealybugs	Isolate. Treat with neem oil x 3 applications.
● Pale + thin leaves in spring	Nutrient deficiency	Diluted cactus fertilizer once/month (spring-summer).
● Soft/translucent winter leaves	Winter overwatering (Pachyphytum)	Stop watering. Allow full dry-out. Check roots.
● Yellowing only at base/bottom	Normal leaf aging	Remove old leaves gently. No action needed.

Watering Quick-Guide

Spring / Summer Every 7-14 days Active growing season	Autumn Every 14-21 days Growth slows	Winter Every 3-6 weeks Near dormant — minimal water	After repotting Wait 1 week Let roots settle first
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Succulent Care Checklist

Your printable daily, weekly & seasonal action plan

■ DAILY CHECKS

- ☐ Check if leaves look plump and firm (healthy)
- ☐ Look for signs of pests (white spots, webbing)
- ☐ Ensure plant is in adequate light — no deep shade
- ☐ Note any new stretching or colour change



■ WEEKLY TASKS

- ☐ Rotate pot 90° so all sides get equal sunlight
- ☐ Check soil moisture with finger test (1 inch deep)
- ☐ Remove any dead or yellowing base leaves
- ☐ Wipe window glass to maximise light transmission
- ☐ Inspect for early signs of pest infestation

■ MONTHLY TASKS

- ☐ Water if soil is completely dry (soak-and-dry method)
- ☐ Apply diluted cactus fertilizer (spring/summer only)
- ☐ Check for root-bound signs (roots escaping drainage)
- ☐ Clean dust off leaves with soft damp cloth

■ SEASONAL / ANNUAL

- ☐ Spring: Repot if root-bound. Resume fertilizing.
- ☐ Summer: Watch for sunburn. Increase watering slightly.
- ☐ Autumn: Reduce watering as growth slows.
- ☐ Winter: Minimal water. Keep away from cold drafts.
- ☐ Annually: Replace top inch of soil if not repotting.

■ EMERGENCY SIGNS — ACT FAST

- ☐ Mushy stems or base = root rot → remove from soil NOW
- ☐ Rapid leaf drop = cold shock or severe drought
- ☐ White powder clusters = mealybugs → isolate + treat
- ☐ Sudden wilt + soggy soil = overwatering → stop immediately



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