



DWARF BANANA CARE

Anyone can grow bananas at home! This dwarf strain of the Cavendish banana can produce fruit at a manageable height of just 3' or less. The bananas are smaller than commercial ones and will often appear after about a year, but they still taste good.

Dwarf bananas prefer full sun 4-6 hours per day, if possible. If growing indoors, place it in a south-facing window where it will get the most light.

Allow the plant to dry 25-50% of the way. You don't want it to be bone dry or sappy. Water thoroughly, allowing the water to flow from the drainage hole in the bottom of the pot but don't let the plant/roots sit in water.

Temperature conditions ranging from the mid-60's to 80°F are fine for your plant indoors. They can handle cooler temperatures outdoors, if necessary. If it is much hotter than that, provide a bit more shade.

Bananas enjoy extra humidity, so feel free to place a humidifier nearby if needed.

Feed your banana once or twice a month with a diluted liquid fertilizer. The fertilizer formula isn't critical, but I recommend you feed about 200 ppm N about every two weeks.

Divide 16 by the %N in the fertilizer - the result is teaspoons/gallon to mix, with room to round up or down for measuring convenience. For example, let's say you have a 30-10-10 on hand. $16/30=0.533$, so I'd simply use 1/2 teaspoon/gallon. If you only want to feed once a month, double that amount.