Golden Pothos Care and Pet Safety Checklist

FitInFlow.space · Epipremnum aureum (Araceae). Based on Clemson and UW-Madison Extension and ASPCA guidance. Updated October 2026.

1. Toxic if chewed: keep these numbers handy

People (US): Poison Control 1-800-222-1222. Wipe the mouth, give a cool drink. ER if lips or tongue swell, or trouble breathing or swallowing.

Pets: your veterinarian, or ASPCA Animal Poison Control (888) 426-4435. Signs: drooling, pawing at mouth, vomiting, trouble swallowing.

[ ] Vines trimmed out of reach [ ] Hanging basket high enough [ ] Fallen leaves picked up [ ] Cutting jars off low surfaces

2. Care at a glance

Light Bright, indirect. Low light fades variegation.	**Water** When the top inch is dry. Water through, empty the saucer.	**Soil and pot** Airy, draining mix. Pot MUST have drainage holes.
Temperature 70-85°F day, 60-70°F night. No drafts or vents.	**Humidity** Ideal 50-70%; normal homes are fine.	**Feeding** Every other month, spring and summer. None in winter.

3. Leaf troubleshooting

Symptom	Likely cause	Fix
Yellow leaves + soggy soil	Overwatering / root rot	Let dry; trim mushy roots; fresh mix
Brown crispy tips	Dry soil, dry air or salt buildup	Water through; flush salts
Brown patch mid-leaf	Cold or temperature shock	Move from drafts and cold glass
Turning plain green	Too little light	Brighter, indirect spot
Long bare vines	Low light, no pruning	More light; trim and replant cuttings
Sticky leaves, white fluff	Mealybugs or scale	Isolate; wipe; insecticidal soap

4. Propagation in 5 steps

1. Cut a 4-6 inch stem with at least one node. 2. Remove the lowest leaf. 3. Put the node in water or moist mix, bright indirect light. 4. Roots in about 3-4 weeks; change water every few days. 5. Pot several rooted cuttings together for a fuller plant.

5. Monthly care log

Month	Watered (dates)	Fed?	Pests checked?	Notes
Jan				
Feb				
Mar				
Apr				
May				
Jun				
Jul				
Aug				
Sep				
Oct				
Nov				
Dec				

Shaded "Fed?" boxes = winter months: skip feeding. Florida and frost-free gardens: do not plant pothos outdoors (FLEPPC Category II invasive). Air purification: negligible in real homes (Cummings and Waring, 2019).