



The Winter Window Test: Decide Whether Your Rosemary Can Live Indoors



A PRACTICAL COMPANION TO THE GUIDE

Assess light, drainage, pests, and watering before bringing rosemary indoors, with a two-week observation plan and a printable plant record.

HOW TO USE THESE PAGES

- 01 Read the guide and choose one manageable starting point.
- 02 Complete the six exercises with details from your own home.
- 03 Return to the record and keep the adjustment that helped.

Small enough to begin. Specific enough to use again.

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EXERCISE 01

Record the starting condition

Note plant source, variety if known, container size, drainage, and visible concerns. Photograph foliage and the whole pot. Separate what you can observe from what you are guessing. This starting record gives you a comparison point when leaves or growth change after the indoor move.

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EXERCISE 02

Map three window observations

For morning, midday, and afternoon, record direct sun, shade sources, and whether light reaches the foliage. Note heating vents, cold glass, and household traffic. Choose the most workable location from observed conditions. A window map should describe the plant's position, not only the direction the room faces.

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EXERCISE 03

Plan inspection and separation

Write what you checked on foliage, stems, pot, and saucer. Record any pests and the action taken. Choose a temporary location apart from established plants while monitoring. If treatment is needed, document the product label and any edible-harvest restrictions rather than relying on a remembered suggestion.

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EXERCISE 04

Keep the two-week moisture record

Use dated rows for upper-mix condition, pot weight, watering, drainage, and leaf response. Keep the checking method consistent. Record an empty saucer after watering. The purpose is to discover the pot's pace indoors, not to fill every row with a watering event.

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EXERCISE 05

Evaluate the light decision

After two weeks, compare photographs and notes. Record stable growth, leaning, leaf loss, or other changes. Decide whether to keep the location, investigate a problem, or add suitable light. Change one condition deliberately where possible so the next observation has a useful explanation.

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EXERCISE 06

Write the sustainable care plan

State the checking routine, acceptable harvest amount, chosen location, and who will care for the plant when you are away. Include a plan for gradual outdoor acclimation later. If keeping the plant is impractical, record what you learned for next season without treating that decision as failure.

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