

# 6 Tips To Revive Wilted Plants



I mentioned recently that I have a little bit of a [brown thumb](#). However, I've kept at gardening and learning about plants. I've improved over time. Along the way, I've picked up lots of tips to revive wilted plants. I wanted to share some of those with you today.

## What Causes Plants to Wilt?

I made one of the biggest rookie gardening mistakes for a really long time. I assumed that if a little water is good for plants, then a lot of water is better. Therefore, I would always overwater just about everything. Many of my plants died as a result.

Many [different things can cause](#) plants to wilt, including:

- Water imbalance – both too much water and too little can cause wilting

- Light imbalance – too much sun or too little sun creates problems
- Letting the plant get too hot
- Over-fertilizing your plants
- Disease – various fungi, bacteria, and viruses can impact plant health
- The plant needs a bigger container to grow properly

## **Tips to Revive Wilted Plants**

The most important of all tips to revive wilted plants is to identify the cause of the problem. Check the potential causes above. Then correct accordingly. This could mean moving your plant into more or less sunlight, repotting it, or changing the way you water it.

Here are some additional tips to revive wilted plants:

### **1. Learn about [Overwatering](#)**

- Research the specific water needs of each plant in your garden.
- If the soil is moist and dark, the plant might not need water.
- Water at the base of the plant, not from overhead.
- Make sure that the water is able to drain properly.
- Water during the day, not at night.

### **2. Consider Underwatering, Too**

If you're not watering the plant enough, then correct accordingly. The above tips will assist with that as well.

### **3. Give Plants The Right Amount of Sunlight**

Again, research what your specific plants need in terms of

sunlight. However, even plants that call for full sun might need shade if they're wilting. Therefore, try adding shade to see if your plants heal and grow as a result. In particular, give shade to plants that appear to be getting too hot, whether or not they're getting the right amount of light.

## **4. Try a Fungicide**

You might have to rule out fungi, bacteria, etc. Start by trying a natural fungicide on your plants. You can easily DIY one of these to try at home. From there, you can explore options for treating various bacteria, etc., that are unique to different plants and regions.

## **5. Re-plant Your Plants**

There are a few different reasons to try this option. First of all, the plant might have outgrown its pot. If so, the wilting could be due to a need for more space. Second, though, the soil might be problematic. Therefore, replanting in new soil could help resolve the problem. This is true for plants in pots as well as those in the ground.

## **6. Watch, Try, Watch Again**

Ultimately, let your plants tell you what they need. Look at the issue. Try something above to treat the problem. If it doesn't work, watch some more, then try something new. Gardening includes trial and error. The more you listen to your plants, the better you'll get at it.

## **Read More:**

- [5 Factors That Affect Plant Growth](#)
- [Troubleshoot The Seed Starting Process](#)
- [Dealing with Tomato Blight](#)

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# Does My Brown Thumb Make Gardening a Waste of Money?



I have a confession to make: I have a bit of a brown thumb. In other words, I'm not that great at gardening. I have let more plants die than I'd like to admit. And yet, I keep trying to grow them and learning from my mistakes. Does this mean that gardening is a waste of my money? I don't think so. Here's why:

## I Keep Gardening Costs Minimal

First of all, I don't spend a lot of money on gardening costs. I live in a small apartment, so my options are limited anyway. I have indoor plants and windowsill plants. Obviously, I could still spend a lot of money getting really expensive plants and

supplies. However, as a general rule of thumb, I stick to frugal gardening. Therefore, I don't spend a lot of on gardening.

## **Re-Using Supplies Saves Money**

Initially, I probably spent more money on gardening than I needed to. I didn't fully understand how to reduce costs with DIY planters, etc. However, once I got the pots, the soil, the supplies, I didn't need to keep buying most of them. I can re-use what I have. Therefore, ongoing costs are particularly minimal.

## **I Tend to Grow Plants I Can Use**

For the most part, I grow edible plants. Sure, I'm imperfect at it. Nevertheless, I do tend to get some use out of the plant even if eventually the plant succumbs to my brown thumb. For example, I'm growing rosemary right now. I've successfully grown mushrooms. And I can usually grow herbs and lettuces fairly well. So, I spend money on the plant but then I consume the plant, so I usually at least break even, typically.

## **Gardening Is Affordable Entertainment**

We all spend money on hobbies and entertainment. If I focus time and energy on learning how to garden, then that cost falls into that category. As far as hobbies go, it's a very affordable one. If I enjoy frugal gardening and sometimes reap the rewards of food from my plants, then the cost is low for the number of hours that I've put into the work.

# I'm Learning and Improving As I Go

Gardening doesn't come naturally to me. Don't believe me? Let me tell you the story of my first plant.

I was in first or second grade. We were each given a styrofoam cup along with seeds. We were taught how to plant the seeds into soil in the cup. Then we were taught to water the plant and let it grow. I don't remember if I got anywhere with the plant. What I do remember is that we took our plant home for either winter break or summer break. I promptly stuck mine on a shelf ... in a dark closet. I doubt I remembered to water it. Apparently, I hadn't learned much in the class in gardening.

But when you start at the bottom, the only place to go is up! I have allowed more plants to die than I'd like to admit. However, each time, I get better at this. I've learned which plants are sturdier than others, which needs less water than my heavy hand is prone to give them, and how to notice a plant needs something before it's actually dead so that I can turn things around.

I'm getting better and wasting less. And plants give us a lot in life: they're calming, they add beauty to our homes, they improve health. So, I might have a brown thumb, but it's not hopeless. And therefore, I think it's worth it to keep on gardening.

*What's your worst story of killing a plant? Share in the comments so I feel less alone!*

## Read More:

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- [5 Factors That Affect Plant Growth](#)
- [Troubleshoot The Seed Starting Process](#)