



Brown leaf tips: check four clues first

Pause for wet or fast-spreading damage

If tissue is wet, mushy, or spreading quickly, isolate the plant, keep leaves dry, pause fertilizer, and avoid sharing pruning tools. If damage continues, ask a local horticulture professional to inspect it.

1 What does the damage look like?

Crispy tips or edges · separate dry spots · wet, mushy, or spreading quickly _____

2 How wet is the potting mix?

Dry deeper than usual · slightly moist or unclear · wet for several days _____

3 Residue or recent feeding?

White crust on the mix or pot · recent fertilizer · neither · not sure _____

4 What surrounds the plant?

Heater, vent, or dry moving air · strong direct sun · neither · not sure _____

Match the pattern to one cautious next step

These clues narrow a starting point; they do not prove the cause.

Wet, mushy, or spreading

Use the isolation steps above. Do not apply a broad treatment while the cause is unclear.

Mix wet for several days

Hold the next watering. Empty standing water and check that the drainage hole is open.

Dry spots + strong sun

Move the plant out of harsh direct sun but keep suitable bright light. Watch for new spots.

Crispy tips + residue

Pause fertilizer. At the next normal watering, use low-mineral water only if the pot drains.

Crispy tips + dry mix or air

Water only if the mix is dry to the right depth. Move the plant away from hot or cold drafts.

Pattern still unclear

Keep care stable. Photograph the plant, an affected leaf, and the mix; date it and recheck.

Record one change

Date _____

One action _____

Recheck on _____

Brown tissue will not turn green again. Judge progress by whether damage spreads and whether new growth develops without the same pattern.

Safety boundary: GospodApp provides educational guidance based on visible symptoms. It does not provide a definitive disease diagnosis. Get local horticultural help when damage spreads quickly, a stem collapses, roots smell sour, or the plant may pose a safety risk.

Sources: Iowa State University Extension — <https://yardandgarden.extension.iastate.edu/faq/what-causes-leaves-my-houseplant-turn-yellow-or-brown-and-drop> · University of Georgia Extension — <https://extension.uga.edu/publications/detail.html?number=B1318>

<https://gospodapp.com/plant-care/brown-leaf-tips-and-spots/>