

Yesterday, we talked about the #8 Reason Why Your Orchid Won't Rebloom: Pests & Disease.

And today our countdown continues...

So, without further delay here we go!

The Top 10 Reasons Why Your Orchid Won't Rebloom

REASON #7

Not Enough Humidity

Most orchids thrive only when maintained in HIGH humidity conditions - think 50% relative humidity or higher - with some varieties even preferring levels as high as 60-80%!

But here's the problem: Most homes typically have a relative humidity level in the neighborhood of 10-20%....

Hmm....

So how do you raise the humidity in your home to "orchid-friendly" levels WITHOUT causing the wallpaper to peel??

That's a really good question!... and luckily, there are a few ways you can do this fairly easily (and inexpensively).

OPTION #1: Humidifier

Your first option is to use a household humidifier, and run it in the room where you keep your orchids.

(I personally prefer this option because we live in a fairly dry climate, and I'm very much a "set it and forget it" kind of guy :-)

In case you're curious, here's the humidifier I use specifically for my indoor orchids - pretty cheap, super-easy to clean, and so far I have no complaints:

<http://www.on2url.com/app/adtrack.asp?MerchantID=142030&AdID=436833>

## OPTION #2: Misting

As an alternative, if you're around your plants all day long, you can also produce a similar effect by lightly misting them several times a day.

(but you've got to be careful not to overdo it - particularly when misting late in the day, otherwise you risk bacteria forming or potentially even rot...)

So...

A humidifier is easy and pretty much "idiot proof" - but I DO understand that some people don't want invest in that sort of thing...

And misting is dirt cheap, but it does require being around your plants all day..

So here's the question:

How can you get the best of both worlds -- Easy AND Cheap?

Well, that's where our third option comes in!

## OPTION #3: Humidity Tray

One of the best, low-cost ways to raise the humidity level of your orchid's environment is to grow your plants over what's called a "humidity tray".

A Humidity Tray is something you can either make yourself, or purchase from an orchid specialty supplier relatively cheaply.

And one of the main benefits of using a humidity tray is that you can increase the humidity directly around your orchid - while keeping the rest of your home at normal levels :-)

And if you're curious - what the heck does a Humidity Tray look like exactly? Here's a good example of one (with a good explanation on how

it works):

<http://www.on2url.com/app/adtrack.asp?MerchantID=142030&AdID=436832>

Those are just a few humidity basics... Of course, everything you need to know to achieve the perfect humidity level for your orchid is covered in our book....

(including a few VERY important things you need to watch out for when using a humidity tray -- and one thing even experienced growers often overlook.)

Here's the link again for the book -- (even if you're just curious to see again what it's all about):

<http://www.OrchidsMadeEasy.com/TheBook.html>

Thanks for reading!

-Ryan "The Orchid Guy" :-)

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