

## **Only water your bonsai when the surface is dry or when it is wilting.**

For the roots to survive the bonsai must have close to 100% humidity, and constant supply of oxygen. As long as your soil mix drains well and is porous enough that there is substantial amount of air space in between soil particles; you can water as much as you

want. Watering displaces air within the soil, and when it drains new air and oxygen comes into the soil to replace the water that left. Frequent watering guarantees 100% humidity, and replenishes oxygen. Didn't you notice that plants grow well during the rainy season or spring time when there is a lot of rain? If your pot doesn't drain well, change the potting mix and repot immediately. The key is finding the right [soil mix](#) wherein you can water as much as you like without danger of [root rot](#) .

Watering when your bonsai wilts or watering sparingly could make your bonsai [pot-bound](#) in a shorter period of time. The bonsai would concentrate its energy developing new long roots to search for water. You would notice that the growth of the bonsai would slow down or stop because much of the growth is happening underground. Watering sparingly will cause you to [repot](#) more often than needed. A needless expense of energy.