

# **Congratulations on your purchase of a Tiny World Terrarium!**

**With care, you should enjoy your terrarium for several years. Please follow these simple guidelines to care for your tiny world.**

## **For moss terrariums:**

**Keep your tiny world out of direct sun at all times.** The closed environment inside the terrarium will heat up rapidly to temperatures that will kill your moss. Should you have an issue and your moss looks brown and dead, all hope might not be lost. Even brown, seemingly dead moss will sometimes revive, or in worse cases, regenerate over a longer period. If you don't see signs of life after two weeks, you should probably start over.

Your terrarium's lid should remain closed unless you open it briefly to look at it or to perform maintenance. If you should lose or break the lid, or just want it to be open for aesthetics, please see instructions for moss gardens below.

There may sometimes be a small amount of condensation on the glass inside the terrarium. If an excessive amount of condensation forms inside the terrarium, open the lid and use a clean scrap of cloth from an old t-shirt to wipe the condensation from the glass, then replace the lid. Repeat every few days as needed. Eventually, your tiny world will reach an equilibrium state where there is not excessive moisture to remove.

Sometimes, after months of equilibrium, you may notice that the terrarium seems a bit dry. If so, you may use a spray bottle to mist the surface of the moss very lightly. One or two applications should be enough to reestablish a good moisture balance.

Occasionally a weed seed will germinate in your moss garden. I tend to let these develop a little while because they are interesting, then remove them before they become a problem. They will usually eventually get very leggy and die, then start rotting, so I like to remove them at the leggy stage.

## **For moss gardens:**

Your moss garden should be misted daily if it is not exposed to some natural rain fall that day. Weed seedlings will crop up and should be removed regularly.

Your garden may be kept indoors or out, but should not be exposed to long periods of harsh, direct sun. Cold weather should not damage your mosses, but the pot they are in might freeze and break (pottery and even glass may break if water in the garden freezes and expands enough) Your mosses will love a few days of snow cover, and when the snow melts will look lush and green.