Read the signs.

One symptom can have several causes. Check before changing care.

YOU NOTICE	CHECK FIRST	TRY NEXT
Yellow leaves	Moisture below the surface, drainage and recent changes.	If wet, wait and improve drainage. A single older yellow leaf may be normal.
Drooping	Is the mix dry or still wet?	Water only if the plant needs it. For wet mix, check for root damage.
Brown tips	Uneven watering, excess fertiliser, water quality or dry air.	Stabilise care. Trim dead tips with clean scissors if desired.
Soft stems / sour mix	Standing water and brown, soft roots.	Inspect roots; remove rotted tissue with clean tools and repot in fresh suitable mix.
Sticky leaves / webbing	Leaf undersides and stem joints for pests.	Isolate the plant. Identify the pest before choosing treatment; follow the product label.
Little new growth	Light, season, roots and plant type.	Improve conditions if needed. Do not add water or fertiliser simply to force growth.

Change one thing at a time when practical. Photograph the plant, note the change, and watch the new growth.

Existing brown patches usually stay brown. Judge recovery by firmer stems, stable leaves and healthy new growth. Repot for a clear reason, rather than as a routine response to every symptom.