



Poinsettia Tips

Poinsettias are wonderful plants for the Holidays and will continue to bloom for several months if proper care is given.

Light: Very Bright!

Water: When top of soil starts to feel dry, water until it runs through the bottom. Do not over water. Do not let it sit in water, so don't forget to drain the foil pot cover after watering.

Temperature: 55-70° Avoid sudden changes in temperature. Do not place your plant near cold windows, heating vents, or on top of TV's or appliances.

Fertilization: Any water soluble house-plant fertilizer once per month.

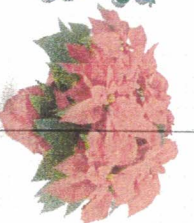
Hints: Yellowing and/or dropping of leaves can mean several things: too much water or not enough light. Wilting is a sign of either the soil drying out or the plant being exposed to cold temperatures.

Re-blooming: Being successful getting them to re-bloom next season is not an easy task, even for the experts.



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Re-blooming Poinsettias



Poinsettias can be re-flowered for a second Christmas, if a strict year-long schedule is adhered to.

- 1. JAN—MAR:** Continue normal watering, then allow the soil to dry gradually, but not so dry that the stems shrivel, after drying period store in a cool, airy location. (60°F).
- 2. MID-APRIL:** Cut the stems back to 6" above the soil level and replant in a pot that is 1"-2" larger. Soil mixture: 2 parts soil, 1 part sphagnum or peat moss and 1 part medium to coarse perlite. Water thoroughly, wait 5 minutes and water again. Keep the plant at a window facing south, in a temperature of 70-75° F., watering when the soil is dry to the touch. Once new growth appears, fertilize every two weeks with a complete analysis, water-soluble fertilizer at the rate recommended on the label.
- 3. JUNE:** Move the plant outdoors and place it in a lightly shaded area. Continue watering and fertilizing.
- 4. MID AUGUST-SEPT:** Cut the stems back leaving 3 of the 4 leaves on each shoot, then bring the plant indoors again and place it in a window facing south maintaining a temp. of 65° to 70°. Continue watering and fertilizing.
- 5. OCTOBER TO THANKSGIVING:** Keep the plant in complete darkness between 5 pm and 8 am., using a closet, opaque box, or cloth. This will help the plant to be in full flower by Christmas. Remember to put the plant in a sunny location during the day. Continue fertilizing until mid-December.



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