

How to Care for Poinsettia

SUMMARY

- 6 hours indirect sunlight per day
- Water when top ½" of soil is dry to touch
- Don't allow to sit in water
- Avoid Drafts



Poinsettia... Nothing dresses up the holiday home like a poinsettia. Choose from the traditional red, or compliment your decor with pink, white, or multicoloured varieties. Poinsettias are easy to care when you know how to grow.

Light

Poinsettias thrive with at least 6 hours of indirect sunlight per day. Avoid direct sun.

Temperature

Poinsettias do best in room temperature. (18-20C) Avoid both cold drafts from doorways and windows and warm drafts from hot air registers. Poinsettias are cold sensitive and can not be exposed to temperatures below 50F. Make sure that you wrap it well to transport from the greenhouse to your home.

Water

Water when the top ½" soil feels dry to the touch. Don't let your poinsettia sit in water. Make sure that water does not collect in the bottom of decorative containers or pot covers.

Fertilizer

Don't fertilize when plant is in bloom. Wait until after the blooming season and then use a balanced fertilizer like Plant Prod 20-20-20. Getting your poinsettia to bloom next Christmas is tricky, but not impossible.

For more information on reblooming poinsettia, visit www.dutchgrowers.ca/IG_poinsettia_rebloom.html