



## Helpful Hints for Poinsettia Care

Poinsettias are wonderful holiday plants that look great in nearly any setting throughout the holiday season.

To help extend the life of your poinsettia, please keep the following hints in mind:

**DO** Place your in indirect sunlight for at least six hours per day to extend the life of the flowers. If direct sun can't be avoided, diffuse the light with a shade or sheer curtains.

**DO** provide room temperatures between 19 - 22 degrees C. Generally speaking, if you are comfortable, so is your poinsettia

**DO** water your plant when the soil feels dry to the touch. Poinsettias do not like to dry out. Check your poinsettia at least twice per week to make sure it does not dry out.

**DO** use a plant sleeve or large shopping bag to cover your plant when transporting it.

**DO** fertilize your plant AFTER THE BLOOMING SEASON with a balanced, all-purpose fertilizer.

**DON'T** place plants near cold drafts or excessive heat. Avoid placing plants near appliances, fireplaces or ventilating ducts.

**DON'T** expose plants to temperature below 10 degrees C. Poinsettias are sensitive to cold, so do not place them outside or store them in a cold vehicle or garage.

**DON'T** overwater your plant or allow it to sit in standing water. Always remove a plant from any decorative container or foil before watering, and allow the water to drain completely.

**DON'T** expose your plant to chilling winds when transporting it.

**DON'T** fertilize your plant when it is in bloom.

## How long will a poinsettia stay in bloom?

It depends on how well you follow the helpful hints mentioned above. A quality plant in the right location that is well-cared for can stay in bloom for up to six months. But that is unusual. Most poinsettias will last for 4 to 6 weeks before the flowers begin to fall off.

