

# Poinsettias

- Select plants with stiff stems, good bract retention and no signs of wilting, breaking, or drooping.
- When transporting the plant, protect it from chilling winds and temperatures below 50 degrees F. Re-inserting the poinsettia into a sleeve or a large, roomy shopping bag will usually provide adequate protection for transporting the plant home when it is cold and windy.
- Do place your plant in indirect sunlight for at least six hours per day. If direct sun can't be avoided, diffuse the light with a shade or sheer curtain.
- Do provide room temperatures between 68 - 70 degrees. Generally speaking, if you are comfortable, so is your poinsettia.
- Do water your plant when the soil feels dry to the touch.
- 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 over-water your plant, or allow it to sit in standing water. Always remove a plant from any decorative container before watering, and allow the water to drain completely.

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