

Care Guide for Poinsettia

While poinsettias are generally easy to care for, they require routine attention to ensure they last more than a few weeks.



Light Requirements

- Place near a south, east, or west-facing window with at least six to eight hours of bright light daily.
- Avoid direct sunlight, as it can burn the edges of leaves and flowers.
- If the plant has a foil wrapper, fold the edges down to allow light to reach all parts of the plant.

Watering

- Water when the top inch of soil is dry and the pot feels lightweight.
- Do not let the soil dry out completely.
- Water thoroughly, then pour off excess water.
- Do not allow the plant to sit in standing water, whether in the saucer, foil, or decorative wrapper.

Soil Requirements

- Use a quality potting mix that retains moisture but drains well to prevent root rot.
- Poinsettias prefer slightly acidic soil.
- The soil provided when purchased is sufficient to last through the holiday season.

Temperature

- Keep in temperatures between 65 to 75 degrees Fahrenheit during the day.
- Slightly cooler temperatures at night are ideal.
- Avoid exposure to temperatures below 50 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Keep away from drafty windows, doors, fireplaces, and heating vents to maintain consistent temperatures.

