

Poinsettia care

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

Light:

Your poinsettia plant requires adequate light in order to survive the holiday season. It should be placed near a south, east, or west-facing window where it will receive at least six to eight hours of bright light daily. Fold the edges of the foil wrapper (if present) down, allowing light to reach all parts of the plant. Do not place it in direct sunlight, as this can scorch the edges.

Soil:

Poinsettias need a quality potting mix that retains moisture but is well-drained to prevent root rot. This holiday plant also prefers soil that is slightly acidic.

Water:

Water whenever the top inch of soil is dry, and the pot is lightweight. Don't let the soil dry out completely. Water thoroughly and pour off excess water. Do not allow the plant to sit in water that collects in the saucer, foil, or decorative wrapper.

Temperature:

Temperature is important when caring for poinsettias. Poinsettias prefer temperatures between 65 to 75 degrees Fahrenheit during the day and slightly cooler at night. Avoid placing poinsettias where temperatures are inconsistent or below 50 degrees Fahrenheit. They also don't do well in temperatures over 85 degrees Fahrenheit.

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