

Poinsettia Care

Many folks receive poinsettias this time of year, but aren't quite sure how to keep them looking great. Here's how to look after them...

Watering: Do not let poinsettias become too wet or too dry. Lift the pot and feel its weight. If it feels light, give it a good drink of warm water. Feel the weight of the pot after watering to get a sense of how heavy it is when wet. Don't water again until it feels light when lifted.

When you water, water thoroughly and only use warm water. If you have a saucer or pot cover that holds water underneath the plant, be sure to drain out any excess water in order to prevent root rot.

If there is a problem with your poinsettia, it is usually due to watering. When in doubt, look at the soil and roots and adjust your care accordingly.

Light: Poinsettias prefer bright, indirect light.

Temperature: Try to keep poinsettias away from excessive heat, drafts, or cool open doors and windows. They prefer temperatures between 63-68 degrees F.

