

poinsettia

Poinsettias are the quintessential winter holiday plant. Their unique, colorful leaves are actually bracts that color up in response to short days and long nights.



Place poinsettias in a sunny window, or bright, indirect light. Poinsettias will tolerate low light and make it through the holiday season just fine.



Plant in an all-purpose potting soil.



Keep soil evenly moist. Drying out will cause leaf drop. Do not allow to sit in standing water.



If you plan to keep your poinsettia past the holiday season, fertilize with an all-purpose fertilizer every few weeks.



When well cared for, poinsettias can hold their beautiful color well into March. Longer days will cause the color to fade. Poinsettias prefer temperatures between 65 and 70 degrees. Turning down the thermostat at night will help prolong the plant's performance.



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