



POINSETTIA CARE

Easy pointers to assure long lasting beautiful plants

Temperature Control

You will notice that Polly's puts your poinsettias in sleeves. This is to protect them from the freezing temperatures outside. Even though they have this protection, poinsettias still do not like the cold. This means that you should not keep them in your car for any length of time. Your drive home is long enough. Also, make sure that you put the poinsettia directly in your heated car, not in your cold trunk.

Home Care

When you get home, take the poinsettia out of the sleeve immediately. The leaves and bracts will begin to droop if sleeved for extended periods. The longer you leave them in the sleeve, the longer time they will need to recover.

Poinsettias like bright light, so find an area where they get a lot of light but not direct sunlight. They prefer a temperature between 65°F and 75°F. The color will last longer with temperatures in this range.

Place the plant away from drafts, heat from radiators, appliances, or ventilation ducts.

Remember...a wilting poinsettia doesn't necessarily mean it is dry. It can be a sign of root rot caused by overwatering. Water the poinsettia only as needed, not letting the soil dry out completely.

Poinsettias do not like to sit in water. Overwatering may cause severe leaf yellowing and loss. If your poinsettia has foil or a pot cover, either water well in the pot cover, let rest a minute or two, then lift out of cover and let drain in a sink, then pop it back into the cover. Or pierce holes in the bottom of the cover and place on a saucer to catch drips. Be sure to drain the saucer whenever excess water collects.

Contrary to what many believe, poinsettias ARE NOT TOXIC. If ingested, they may cause minor discomfort is all. It's not attractive to most pets or children anyway.

Common Problems

Bract discolorations: May be caused by too low of light or temperature.

Flower and/or leaf drop: A natural process that can be affected by overwatering, drying out, very low light, or freezing temperature while in transit.

Thanks for buying locally! We hope we help you enjoy a beautiful plant long past the holidays with these tips.