



Poinsettia Care

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HISTORY: The Poinsettia (*Euphorbia pulcherrima*), often referred to as the “Christmas Plant”, was first brought to the United States in 1825 from its native land of Mexico by the first US Ambassador, Joel Robert Poinsette. Today, we have a multitude of colors, sizes and shapes to offer an abundance of holiday cheer for any décor.

OUR NURSERY: Your poinsettia was started from a rooted cutting in our greenhouses. From this point we have carefully pruned, fertilized, watered, controlled temperature and monitored for insects and diseases. The coordination of the bract expansion and coloring has been timed so that the plant can be enjoyed through Christmas and into the New Year. Once the plants leave our greenhouse, it is up to you to continue this care.

YOUR CARE: Once at home, the plant will do well in a temperature of 60F-73F; much cooler or warmer and the plants may not last as long. Locate your plant in a spot with bright, natural light. Try not to position the plant in direct sunlight for more than 2-3 hours. If it is in a sunny location, make sure the plant never dries out. Excessive drying can be avoided by placing your plant away from drafts, heat from appliances, radiators or ventilation ducts.

Water your plant’s soil every 1-3 days depending on the growing environment; do not let it dry out. Keep the soil moist, not wet, and try to avoid getting water on the leaves. Remember to pierce the foil on the bottom of the pot to let the water drain and place the plant on a saucer to catch any overflow. Empty any overflow from the saucer; if the plant sits in water this may cause root disease.

Fertilization is not necessary during the holiday season.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

