



## How to Get an Amaryllis to Re-bloom Hippeastrum



**Patty's Plants**

If you would like your Amaryllis to bloom year after year, you'll need to keep it growing. After the plant has stopped blooming, cut the flower stalk off. You will need to let the leaves grow throughout the summer. In fact if you have a spot outside it would really like to be there.

- Water it regularly, fertilize or add some worm casting as a top dressing for natural nutrients.
- In early September, reduce the watering and by October stop watering it completely. Let at rest in a dark cool spot.
- In January, bring it back out. Remove the old soil and bad roots. Repot it with fresh soil and worm castings. It should bloom in 8-10 weeks if everything went well during it's growing and rest period.

Sorry, it can be difficult to get an old amaryllis bulb to bloom again for Christmas. Here's one thing to could do if you really want it to try to get it to bloom for Christmas:

In October, put the old bulb in a box or bag and place in the refrigerator for at least 6 weeks. Keep away from apples as it gives off ethylene gas which prevents them from blooming. Then plant it 8-10 weeks before you want it to bloom again. Good luck and have fun. Don't forget to take pictures.

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