



# Poinsettia Care

*Euphorbia pulcherrima*

**Patty's Plants**

- **Light:** Place plant in 5-6 hours of bright indirect sun.
- **Temperature:** The temperature in your home should be 68-70\*. Remember they are native to Mexico so they do like it warmer. Poinsettias don't like cold drafts or to be put by heat vents and fireplaces.
- **Water:** Water the plant when the soil feels slightly dry. They do not like wet feet, so if you bought it in a fancy foil wrap please poke holes in the bottom. Loosing yellow leaves could be a sign of overwatering.
- **Fertilize:** You don't need to fertilize while the plant is blooming. The tiny flowers are on the top of the plant. The leaves are the colorful bracts that changed after they received the right amount of lightness and darkness for 8-10 weeks.
- **Important Tip:** Since Poinsettias don't like cold, you must never take it outside in the winter without some kind of protection. Use the plant sleeve it came in to take it to it's
- final destination. Or a couple of garage bags will help. Also warm up the car. If the shop your at doesn't offer you a bag, ask for one. Plants don't have body heat. The cover only helps to keep the wind and chill off temporally. Please don't leave it in the car in the winter even with the protective covering on un less you have the heat on. Leaving it to do more shopping will surely damage or kill it once the temperature in the car dips. This can happen in less than 5 minutes when it's freezing out here in the mid-west. When you get it home take off the cover as soon as possible to prevent any more stress to your plant.

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