



How to get your Poinsettia to Recolor



Patty's Plants

If you just can't see throwing your poinsettia out this year and you want can get it to recolor follow these steps after the Holidays. You will have to be dedicated to continue these steps all year.

- January/February- Place your plant in a spot where your plant can get at least 5 hours of sun a day. Follow the care instructions from www.pattysplants.com.
- March/April- This is the time when you need to trim your plant. I know it seems scary but you must do it. Cut them back to 6-8 inches above the soil. They will have a milky sap so protect the area you are working in.
- May- Start to fertilize with liquid worm casting or diluted fish emulsion.
- June- Repot your plant with a good potting mix, add some worm casting to the soil to give it a natural nutrient boost. Make sure you use a pot only the next size bigger than what it was in. You may put it outside at this time. Put it in light shade with only filtered sun hitting it. I put both of mine under the shade tree in my backyard and they did great.
- July/August- Continue to check on it and fertilize. In August you can cut it back a little. Leave 3 to 4 leaves per shoot. Continue to fertilize.
- September- Bring it back in the home before the night temps dip below 55 degrees. Place it in a window where it will get 5 to 6 hours of sun.
- October- This you must follow daily if you want to succeed. From 5:00 pm to 8:00 am you need to cover your plant with a box, black bag or in a dark room where it won't even get light from a outside streetlight. You need to do this for 8-10 weeks. (14 hours of darkness & 10 hours of sun). It must also have sun during the day. So don't forget to take the cover off.
- Keep watering and take pictures of your success.

Patty's Plants in October.

**I will let you know
how well I do
this year.**



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