



Important Tip **from Patty Plants** **Purchasing Plants** **In** **Winter**



Plants don't like cold. They don't have body heat like we do and we wear coats. You must never take them outside in the winter without some kind of protection. The cover only helps to keep the wind and chill off temporarily. I know that sounds like common sense to us gardening enthusiasts. But I have been at shops where the customer is walking out the door in 15 degree temperature and no one has stopped them. I usually start telling them to go back and ask for a bag, that it's too cold out for that plant. Of course, they look at me like I'm crazy. I'm usually with my mom who is always saying let them go they'll find out. I can't save every plant but I can try. If the shop you're at doesn't offer you a bag, ask for one. Please don't leave them in the car in the winter even with the protective covering on unless you have the heat on. Leaving your plants to do more shopping will surely damage or kill them once the temperature in the car dips. This can happen in less than 5 minutes when it's freezing out here in the Midwest. When you get them home take off the cover as soon as possible to prevent any more stress to your plants. Remember they are alive just as much as you and me. I know you don't want to waste your money or time going back to purchase another one. If you're giving it as a gift in a few days after you purchased it please put in a bag or use the plant sleeve they came in (if they gave you one) to take them to their final destination. You don't want to give a beautiful plant to someone only to have it die on them an hour later. Happy Holidays to all.



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