



# Growing Poinsettias

## Watering

- Keep the soil moist, not wet.
- Water plant when the soil surface feels dry to a light touch, or the pot feels lightweight when lifted. Never allow poinsettias to get so dry that they wilt.
  - Remove from decorative foil or outer pot before watering.
  - Make sure your plant is in a pot that drains freely.
  - Set the plant in a sink and water thoroughly, allowing the plant to drain completely.
  - Never allow poinsettia pots to sit in excess water. Constant wetness will rot plant roots.

## Light and Temperature

- Indoor light: Put in a south, east or west window where the plant will receive bright daylight.
- Temperature:
  - Indoor temperatures of 65 to 70 degrees F are ideal.
  - Avoid placing poinsettias where the temperature fluctuates or may be drying, such as near cold drafts, heat ducts, fireplaces, fans, space heaters, etc.
  - Poinsettias will suffer damage if they are exposed to temperatures below 50° F.

For all this information and more about Poinsettia care, please visit

<https://extension.umn.edu/houseplants/poinsettia>

## Did You Know?

- Native to Mexico, poinsettias are in the *Euphorbia* family and are a popular holiday plant because of their colorful bracts (leaves).
- Poinsettias can live indoors for over 10 years if given proper care!