

Poinsettias

Temperature Control

Poinsettias do not like the cold. You will notice that Boehler's puts your Poinsettias in sleeves to protect them from the damaging effects of freezing temperatures outside. Even though they have the sleeve for protection, you should not keep them in your car for any length of time other than the time it takes to drive home. Also, make sure you put your Poinsettias directly in your heated car and not in your cold truck.

Home Care

- When you get home, take the Poinsettia out of the sleeve immediately. The leaves and bracts will begin to droop if the sleeve is left on for extended periods. The longer you leave them in the sleeve, the longer it will take for them to recover.
- Poinsettias like bright light, so find an area where they will get a lot of indirect sunlight, but not direct sunlight. They prefer temperatures between 65°F and 75°F. The colorful blooms will last longer with temperatures in this range.
- Place the plant away from drafts, radiator heat, appliances, or ventilation ducts.
- A wilting Poinsettia doesn't necessarily mean it's dry. It can be a sign of root rot caused by overwatering. Water the Poinsettia only as needed while not letting the soil dry out completely.
- If your Poinsettia has a foil or pot cover, make sure it is pierced so the water can drain out. Poinsettias do not like to sit in water. Put your plant on a saucer to collect the overflow water and dump out any excess or water in a sink to allow the excess water to drain out. Overwatering may cause severe leaf yellowing and loss.
- Contrary to popular belief, Poinsettias are NOT TOXIC. If ingested, they may cause minor stomach discomfort.

Common Problems

Bract discoloration: May be caused by too low light or temperature.

Flower and/or leaf drop: A natural process that can be affected by overwatering, drying out, very low light or freezing temperature while in transit.

We hope the above tips make your Poinsettia experience successful!

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