

Do's and Don'ts of Poinsettia Care

DO

- Do take your poinsettia directly home.
- Do keep it out of drafts and above 60 degrees F.
- Do water when the soil feels dry. (Check every third day.)
- Do water from the top of the pot, not the bottom.
- Do let excess water drain. (Poinsettias don't like wet feet!)
- Do choose a bright location for longer life. (Poinsettias will last two or more weeks, even in a room with little light, but many are lasting until Easter or even late May with proper care.)
- Do plan ahead if you are giving poinsettias as a gift. Poinsettias can only be left in sleeves or wrapping for 24 hours...any longer and you risk having the leaves fall off early. Open the wrapping if you are taking them home first and then re-wrap for transporting to their destination.



DON'T

- Don't put your poinsettia in the trunk, even for a short ride.
- Don't expose to cold temperatures or drafts.
- Don't leave your poinsettias in the garage or in the car overnight.
- Don't leave the pot standing in water.
- Don't overwater—just enough water to moisten.
- Don't let your poinsettia dry out and wilt. (The leaves will fall off.)