

CHRISTMAS AT HASKINS

Caring for your *Poinsettia*

Haskins Poinsettias are superior quality and have been grown slowly, in cool conditions, to strengthen cell walls and ensure maximum strength and longevity of the plant.

Once home, keep the plant in a well-lit spot away from draughts and keep reasonably warm. Take care not to over water.



Secrets of Success

Temperature

- Poinsettias like average indoor warmth, and require a minimum 55-60F (13c) during the flowering season.
- They do not like draughts or cold winds (take care to ensure the Poinsettia is wrapped if taken outside, even en route to the car from the Garden Centre).

Light

- Maximum light is required during the winter when the plant is in flower.

Water

- Water thoroughly, wait until compost is moderately dry before watering again. Water immediately if leaves begin to wilt.

Air Humidity

- Mist leaves frequently during flowering season.

Flowering time

- In optimum conditions, the Poinsettia will flower until March, an average flowering time is 1-2 months.

Re-flowering

- Poinsettias are highly light sensitive and require natural light conditions ie shortening day length, to go red.
- After flowering, ideally keep the plant in a warm and light room through the spring and summer. The red bracts will fall off and the green leaves will remain. Keep moist but do not over water.
- From autumn onwards, the Poinsettia must be subject to natural light and natural dark conditions ie shortening day length, whilst remaining warm, to go red.
- It is possible to create artificial dark conditions within an indoor environment by covering the plant in a black bag during the evening and night. This must be removed, and the plant exposed to natural sunlight during the daytime.

