Poinsettia Care Instructions

Poinsettias - Euphorbia Pulcherrima - are green plants with long-lived bracts (vividly colored leaves), and small flowers with yellow nectar cups.

For increased enjoyment of Poinsettias in the home, follow these care instructions:

* Place in a room where there is sufficient natural light to read fine print.

* Avoid drafts or excess heat from appliances, radiators or ventilating ducts.

* Place plant high enough to be away from traffic and out of reach of unmonitored children and animals.

* Put plant in or on a water-proof container to protect your furnishings.

* Water plant thoroughly when soil surface is dry to the touch. Remember to discard excess water.

* To prolong bright color of bracts, the plants should be in a room with temperatures between 65-70°F.

When bracts age and become muddy green, cut back plant to 8” to grow as a foliage plant. It may be placed out-of-doors when outside temperatures are warm. Avoid temperatures below 50°F at night throughout the summer. In the fall move the plant indoors for direct light 6 to 8 hours daily and 60-70°F night temperatures. For re-flowering in the winter, avoid artificial light at night after October 1.