**Care of your Poinsettia**

Locate your plant in a spot with bright natural light, but where it is not exposed to direct sunlight for more than 1-2 hours/day. Do not place your poinsettia in an area exposed to cold drafts, or heat from appliances, radiators, or ventilation ducts. And, though absolutely not poisonous, poinsettias should be placed away from small children and animals because ingestion of the plant could cause discomfort if eaten.

If your poinsettia has a pot cover or foil wrapper, do not let it set for extended periods of time in the water that flows out of the holes in the bottom of the container because this will lead to development of root rot, and the leaves will turn yellow and drop. The soil should be kept moist but not soggy wet–do not let the plant go bone dry or stay completely wet for long periods of time.

The color of your poinsettia will last longer with temperatures not over 75 F during the day and 60 - 65 F at night.

Merry Christmas

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