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POINSETTIAS

We love poinsettias at Marigold and are proud to grow our own. We grow 22,000 of them each year. The following are some tips so that you can enjoy our poinsettias throughout the Christmas season, and if you choose, through out the whole year.

First things first you want to make sure that you choose a healthy poinsettia. When shopping at Marigold you have many healthy plants to choose from. To make it easier for you to choose one though here are some things to look for.

- Look for healthy green leaves throughout the plant
- Do not buy a wilted plant. Wilted plants will drop their bracts sooner.
- Never buy a poinsettia that is still in its sleeve.

Once you have gotten your poinsettia home here are some helpful tips to keep it looking great up and through to Christmas.

- When taking the plastic sleeve off your plant cut it from the bottom up. Pulling the sleeve down might break your poinsettia.
- If planning on leaving the decorative foil on make sure to pierce holes in the bottom of it to let the water drain through. Poinsettias can easily be over watered if left in standing water.
- Place your poinsettia where it will get at least 6 hours of light. If you have low light levels your poinsettia will probably drop some leaves.
- DO NOT place your poinsettia near any cold or warm drafts.
- When watering make sure that you let your soil dry out *slightly* before watering. The easiest way to check the soil is with your finger. If you place your finger in the soil and it comes away dry, water your plant. If your finger comes away wet do not water, but repeat the test the next day.
- Ideal temperatures for your poinsettia is between 15 and 21 C during the day and no lower than 12 C during the night. High temperatures will shorten the plants life. If possible move the plant to a cooler room at night.
- No need to fertilize your poinsettia during the blooming time. If planning to keep your poinsettia past the holiday season fertilize with a houseplant fertilizer after the blooms have fallen off.