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TIPS FOR REBLOOMING POINSETTIAS



Preserve your poinsettia's beauty for next season by following these suggestions throughout the year:

During winter, continue to follow holiday care tips for water, light, temperature and fertilizer.

As spring approaches, remove faded and dried foliage. Replenish soil with a commercially prepared sterile mix.

Lightly fertilize every three to four weeks.

In June, cut back all stems and branches by two and one-half inches to promote side branching. Repot plant in larger container using sterile growing mix. Place outside for summer; first in indirect light, then direct light.

In July, cut back once more and increase water and fertilizer.

On Labor Day, move plant inside but still provide six or more hours of direct light. Reduce water and fertilizer as new growth begins.

From October 1 through mid-December, confine plant to darkness for 14 hours a day by putting it in a closet, basement or under a box. Keep temperature between 62 and 65 degrees. Give it 10 hours of direct, natural light and rotate weekly to give each side light. Remember to water and fertilize regularly.

Enjoy another holiday season with a beautifully bloomed poinsettia.



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one flower at a time.***