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## ***TIPS FOR REBLOOMING YOUR POINSETTIA***

- During the winter months, continue to follow your holiday care tips for water, light, temperature and fertilizer.
- As bracts fade and spring approaches, remove faded and dried foliage.
- Lightly fertilize every three to four weeks using water soluble fertilizer.
- Mid May (after the chance of frost) cut plants back to half the size they currently are (to promote bushy growth). Repot into a larger container (with a drain hole) using a soilless potting mix and place outside for the summer, first in indirect light, then to direct sunlight.
- In June, use a water soluble fertilizer each time you water.
- In July, cut your plant back again and continue fertilizing each time you water.
- On Labor Day, move the plant indoors to a location that it will receive direct light for a minimum of six hours. Reduce fertilizer frequency to every two or three waterings.
- From October 1 through mid-December confine plant to darkness (uninterrupted) darkness for 14 hours a day by putting it in a spare room, closet, basement or under a box. It is critical that this is done every day. Give direct sunlight for the other 10 hours of the day. Maintain temperatures between 60 and 65 degrees. Reduce fertilizer to every 3 or 4 waterings.
- When your poinsettia is fully colored discontinue darkness treatment, place the plant in a location where it will receive plenty of natural light. Sit back and enjoy your success!