



## The Myth about Poinsettias

**Contrary to popular belief poinsettia plants are not poisonous!**

Leaves, stems, bracts, and flowers are **not toxic** to either **humans or pets.**

The American Medical Association finds no deaths or serious injuries attributed to poinsettia ingestion. While its safety has been proven, *the poinsettia, like other ornamental plants is of course not intended for human consumption.*

The POISONEX R Information Service states that even at levels as high as 1.25 pounds of bracts (500-600 bracts, **a 6" poinsettia has only 4 or 5 brackets**) a child of 50 pounds would not be affected.



# Molzon's POINSETTIA CARE

## LOCATION AND TEMPERATURE

**The poinsettia thrives on indirect, natural daylight.** Exposure to at least six hours daily is recommended. Avoid locations where the plant is exposed to direct sunlight, as this may fade the bract color. If direct sun cannot be avoided, diffuse with a light shade or sheer curtain.

To prolong the bright color of the poinsettia bracts, daytime temperatures should not exceed 70 degrees F. Avoid placing the plants near drafts, excess heat or the dry air from appliances, fireplaces or ventilating ducts.

## WATER AND FERTILIZER

**Poinsettias require moderately moist soil.** Water the plants thoroughly when the soil surface feels dry to the touch. Remove the plant from decorative pots or covers, and water enough to completely saturate the soil. Do not allow the poinsettia to sit in any standing water. Root rot could result which could kill the plant.

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