

# Thanks for supporting HHS Grad Night!

## **CARING FOR YOUR POINSETTIAS . . . TIPS FROM THE GROWER:**

DO place your plants in indirect sunlight for at least 6 hours per day  
DO provide room temperatures between 68-70 degrees F  
DO water your plants thoroughly when soil feels dry to the touch  
DO fertilize your plants after the blooming season with a balanced, all-purpose fertilizer

DON'T place plants near cold drafts or excessive heat  
DON'T expose your plants to temperatures below 50 degrees F  
DON'T allow plants to sit in standing water  
DON'T fertilize your plants when they are in bloom

FACT: Poinsettias are NOT POISONOUS—this is a myth (not harmful to pets or children even if eaten!)

TIP: To avoid over watering, place ice cubes on the soil when dry and let them melt (waters plant slowly)

## **TO KEEP THIS PLANT BLOOMING YEAR AFTER YEAR:**

Early April, when colored bracts turn/fall off, cut the plant back leaving 4-6 buds

Keep the plant near a sunny window, water and fertilize regularly

End of May, you should begin to see new growth

July 4<sup>th</sup> cut your plant back to promote compact, full growth

Labor Day, cut your plant back again to promote compact, full growth

Autumn months, plant will begin to set buds and produce flowers

Oct 1, move your plant into complete darkness for 14 continuous hours each night (need 6-8 sunlight hours)

By holiday time, your plant will be full of colorful holiday blooms!