

CYCLAMEN

Hollandia Nurseries Care Sheet

Cyclamen

Hollandia offers large and miniature varieties of cyclamen in a range of colors. Many of the newer varieties are much more tolerant of heat, making it easier to display the plants in the warmer parts of the house.

Transport: While cyclamen are not as sensitive to cold as poinsettias, they should be placed in a sleeve to protect from the cold. Do not leave in an unheated environment, like a car, even for a short time. When home, carefully cut the sleeve off, starting at the bottom.

Indoor Care:

Flowers will last longer and the bloom season will be extended if the plant is kept in cooler indoor temperatures around 60 degrees. Do not place on or near any heat source, like a vent, a fireplace or a television set. The plant needs part to full sun. Remove flowers as they fade. Keep cyclamen evenly moist. Do not water the crown of the plant. Water either into the saucer underneath the pot or near the rim of the container. If cyclamen get too wet or too dry, leaves will yellow. Fertilize once a month with a liquid fertilizer such as Jack's Classic or Miracle Gro. Cyclamen are usually free of pests, but if air is too humid and stagnant, the plant might develop stem rot. If this should happen use a fungicide and remove diseased areas.

Warm Weather:

Cyclamen usually go dormant by mid-summer. Getting the plant to rebloom the following season is difficult. If you want to try to keep the plant, remove it to half-day sun when it stops blooming. Ease up on fertilizing the plant. Some people place the plants outdoors to help keep them cool during summer temperatures.



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