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Planting Poinsettias

Today on Gardening in a Minute: planting poinsettias.

Now that the holidays are over, consider saving your poinsettia to plant in your landscape.

After the last frost, prune your poinsettia by removing the faded red bracts.

Pick a spot where it'll receive full sun for most of the day. Poinsettias grow best in moist, well-drained, fertile soils.

You'll need to pinch back your poinsettia several times during the summer. This helps create a full plant with lots of flower heads.

Remember that poinsettias are tropical plants and must be protected from frosts and freezing weather.

Also, make sure to keep your poinsettia away from artificial light sources at night during the fall, as this can delay or completely prevent flowering.

With the right care, you'll be able to enjoy your poinsettia next year too!

For more information about poinsettias, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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