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House plants

Cyclamen need to be kept in a sunny and cool location to keep them blooming throughout the winter. Feed them with [seamate](#) every time you water them and keep the cyclamen slightly moist. Holiday Cactus should be kept as cool as possible to keep them blooming longer, feed them also with seamate with every watering. But keep the Christmas and Thanksgiving cactus on the dry side. Norfolk island pine, used as an indoor Christmas tree, needs to be kept in a sunny and cool location and keep the soil somewhat dry. Feed the Norfolk island pine with [seamate](#) every time you water.

For a Dutch Amaryllis to bloom at Christmas, go now to you local garden center and buy a 24/26 cm. size dormant Amaryllis bulb. Next week from now pot them in a 7 inch pot. Follow the [Video Instructions](#).

Poinsettias are kept slightly moist and feed with [seamate](#) every time you water them to keep them healthy. Never let the soil of the Poinsettia get dry or let them have water standing in the saucer, Poinsettias like the soil to be slightly moist. Water the Poinsettias every 3-4 days lightly, depending on how warm your house is. (hot and sunny needs more water and cool and dim light will need less)

Flowers

Make the second application of [I Must Garden Deer Repellent](#), to protect your pansies / violas from the deer.

Shrubs

In Northern regions protect your broadleaf evergreens (boxwood, azalea, holly, and rhododendrons) from winter damage, by applying [wintershield](#). Deciduous flower and shade trees can still be planted. Remember if your deciduous shrubs were not fed this fall with plant trust, it is not to late to feed them with [plant trust](#).

Lawn

Wild onions and garlic in zoysia lawns, will be ignored for now. We will take care of them next spring, with [clear choice](#) without damaging the zoysia grass. If you have not given the lawn its November [Turf Trust](#) application then feed it now with [turf trust](#). To help it grow stronger roots, so that it will be more disease and drought resistant next summer. Make sure you keep the leaves off of the lawn.

Christmas Trees

Cut Christmas trees must be alive and freshly harvested. A fresh cut must be made right before the tree is set up inside, on a stand with a water reservoir. The first water you give the tree needs to be slightly warm and mixed with [prolong](#). Never let the tree run out of water! When it runs out of water indoors it will be dead within hours and can become a fire hazard.

This weeks holiday gift ideas for gardeners are the electronic [ph tester](#) or a [moisture/light meter](#).