

Care of Christmas and Easter Cactus

Christmas Cactus (Schlumbergera):

November - January

Flowering period: Water thoroughly when soil begins to dry out.

February- April

Resting period; water infrequently and keep cool.

Late April - May

Water thoroughly when soil begins to dry out. Feed every 7 to 10 days with a diluted liquid fertilizer such as Maxsea 16-16-16.

June - August

Place plant outdoors in a protected area with bright, dappled light; protect from snails and slugs. Continue feeding schedule.

Late September - November

Pre-flowering period; keep soil on the dry side and provide cool night temperatures (50-55) and provide 12-15 hours of darkness per day until buds form.

When buds have formed, increase water and to increase temperature, bring the plant back indoors.

Easter Cactus (Rhipsalidopsis):

September - January

Resting period; soil should be moist but not soggy. Plants should be kept indoors.

February - March

Pre-flowering period; keep soil on the dry side and provide cool night temperatures (50-55) until buds have formed. When buds have formed, increase water.

Late March - Early June

Flowering period; water thoroughly as soil dries.

June - August

Place plant outdoors in a protected area with indirect or dappled light; protect from snails and slugs. Feed every 7-10 days with a diluted liquid fertilizer such as Maxsea 16-16-16.



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