



# Christmas & Easter Cactus Care

Christmas and Easter Cactus are tropical Cacti that will liven up your home throughout the year.

Christmas cactus flowers in the winter and features rounded leaf segments with scalloped edges and red or pink blooms. Easter cactus blooms in the spring, displaying more pointed leaf segments with small bristles and salmon, pink, or red flowers. Both plants thrive in bright indirect light and well-draining soil, requiring moderate watering when the soil surface feels dry. They also benefit from high humidity and regular fertilizer during their growing seasons.

## 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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