

Cyclamen

Houseplant Care Guide

CULTURE:

Water: When leaves are present, water when dry. Avoid getting water on the crown of the plant. As the flowers begin to fade, gradually allow the plant to dry out for 2-3 months. When new growth appears, resume watering and feeding. Place in a partially shaded spot outdoors for the summer. Bring it back indoors before the cold weather starts.

Humidity: High humidity, especially during winter, is crucial. Keep the cyclamen on a tray of water with a layer of pebbles or something else to form a shelf for the cyclamen pot to sit on. Do not let the cyclamen itself sit in the water.

Fertilizer: Feed with a low-nitrogen fertilizer every couple of weeks while in full leaf.

Light: During the summer light should be bright, but indirect. Move the cyclamen closer to the light source in the winter.

Temperature: Cyclamen do not like heat, but they are not frost hardy. Do not expose to temperatures below 50 degrees F. Avoid drafts as well as hot, dry air.

Potting Soil: Cyclamen does best planted in a soil-based potting mix, with the top of the tuber just slightly above the soil line.

Other: Repot when the tuber fills the existing pot. Repot while dormant.



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