

# CHRISTMAS CACTUS

## Hollandia Nurseries Care Sheet Christmas & Thanksgiving Cacti

Christmas and Thanksgiving cacti are easy-to-grow, long-lived houseplants offering flowers in a range of colors from fall to spring. Growers often time the flowering to occur during specific holidays, hence their names.

### Transport:

A native of tropical rainforests, these cacti need to be sleeved before leaving the store to protect them from winter temperatures. They should not be left in an unheated area (car) even for a short time. When home, cut away the sleeve, starting at the bottom.

### Plant Care:

After flowering, both types of cacti rest before making new growth. When new growth starts, water to keep soil slightly moist and provide warm temperatures. Fertilize at half-recommended strength every two to four weeks from early spring to midsummer. Do not fertilize in the fall and winter. The flowers form when the plant is resting after its growth period. During the dormancy, cacti like cool temperatures and a drier soil. Re-pot cacti infrequently using a normal potting mix.



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