



HOME & GARDEN

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Seasonal and Indoor Plant Tips

Culture

- Get houseplants ready to bring back into the house by inspecting for disease and insect problems. If the plants have out-grown their pots repot them into the next size pot or remove them, trim back the roots and repot in the same container. Some houseplants will drop leaves and slow their growth, as they become accustomed to low light conditions indoors. Be careful not to over water them during this adjustment period which may take several weeks.
- Use lightweight, well-drained soil-less potting mixes. Contrary to old established practice, pebbles, stones, and shards from clay pots should not be added to the bottom of planting containers. This creates a higher water table and may reduce plant growth. When repotting, cut the root ball with a sharp knife at 2-4 inch intervals and remove brown, dead roots.

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