

CYCLAMEN CARE GUIDE



Cyclamen
Cyclamen persicum

Common names: Cyclamen, Persian Violet

WATER

Prefers moist, but not soggy soil. A moisture meter may be your best tool when gauging when it's time to water. Bottom watering is best for this perennial. This helps to avoid water on the leaves and the crown.

PLACEMENT & TEMPERATURE

Prefer temperatures between 60-70 degrees during the day and 40-50 degrees at night. Cyclamens are quite sensitive to drafts, so it's best to keep them away from air vents and drafty windows or doors.

FERTILIZER

Every couple of weeks with diluted fertilizer. No fertilizer is needed during their dormant season in the summer.

PESTS & DISEASE

Avoid water on the leaves and the crown (where stem meets root). This can lead to root rot. Spider mites can cause the leaves to curl and tend to thrive in dry areas like between the stems and leaves.

LIGHT

Bright Indirect light during the winter. An East or West facing window is best, or a few feet from a South facing window. During the summer, it's best to keep your cyclamen in a cooler place in the house while it's dormant.

SOIL TYPE

Prefers loamy soil. Try adding sphagnum peat to your regular potting soil. This will also help raise the acidity.

GROWTH

Should be repotted about every two years. Blooms of pink, red, white, or purple happen in the fall and with the right care, can last all the way through the spring.

TOXICITY

Toxic to animals and humans.

BOTANY