



## *Bucks Country Gardens*

### **Cyclamen Care**

Cyclamen is a lovely flowering houseplant, which blooms in the winter. The plant develops from an underground corm, similar to a bulb. This corm is used medicinally for colic and toothaches.

Follow the basic requirements below for a beautiful, blooming houseplant.

#### **LIGHT**

The cyclamen should be placed where it will receive very bright, indirect light or flowers will not develop.

#### **TEMPERATURE**

This plant will tolerate average room temperatures of 65-75 degrees during the day, but cooler temperatures will prolong the blooming period. Night temperatures should range from 50-55 degrees.

#### **WATERING**

Keep moist at all times, but not saturated, and never get water on corm or it will rot. Water carefully in pebble filled saucer 2-3 times a week, but do not keep plant standing in water. Do not spray!

#### **FEEDING**

Fertilize at half the recommended strength once every two weeks during flowering.

#### **REFLOWERING**

The cyclamen requires a rest period after flowering. Gradually reduce watering and stop fertilizing when flowers have died and no new buds appear. Allow soil to dry completely when all flowers are gone.

Plant should be kept in a cool, dry place until early summer. At that time, repot corm in fresh soil making sure that the top half of the corm is above the soil line to prevent crown rot. Water well after repotting. Indoors, keep on sunny windowsill. Flowering should begin late December or early January.