



HOME & GARDEN

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Seasonal and Indoor Plant Tips

- If you have not already done this, it is time to bring houseplants back into the house. Check plants for ants, earwigs, pillbugs and other pests. Wash off insect pests or apply a labeled houseplant insecticide to control any plant pests such as aphids, scales, spider mites and mealybugs.
- This is a good time to take and root, stem and leaf cuttings from vigorously growing plants.
- If your African violet has become leggy cut the rosette off, leaving a 2-3 inch stem. Repot into clean, moist potting soil, cover with a plastic bag sealed at the top and place the pot in diffused light. In about six weeks, new roots will form.
- Potted begonias and geraniums can be cut back and brought indoors.
- Monitor houseplants for mealy bug, spider mites, aphids and whiteflies.

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