



## **Keeping Your Coleus Healthy**

**When growing coleus, keep in mind that if ingested, these plants are toxic to people and pets.**



**Growing coleus indoors requires:**

- 1. Bright, indirect light and relatively high humidity to keep colors vibrant.**
- 2. Consistently moist soil. (Avoid allowing plants to dry out or getting water on the leaves as this will cause spotting.)**
- 3. Ideal temperatures above 60 degrees and away from temperature extremes.**

**These plants grow relatively quickly and will have a long life span when cared for properly indoors. That also means that they will require pruning to avoid “leggy” plants. Doing this is as simple as pinching off leggy growth (4-6 inches long) directly above a leaf node. Removing all extra sets of leaves, only leaving the top set of four on your cutting. Put your cutting (s) in water in a sunny location. Roots should be visible in 3-4 weeks. When roots are 2-3 inches long, it is time to pot your new plant. Using a generic potting mix in a pot that is only about 2 inches larger than the root ball plant your rooted cutting. DRAINAGE is critical, so be sure that your pot has drainage holes and a saucer to catch any leakage.**