# Grow Program: Poinsettias – Late Crop Benefits

### Nature's Source Late Crop Benefits for Synthetic-Grown Poinsettias that Have Missed Out on the Benefits of Nature's Source Nutrition from the Beginning

We are hearing many concerns this season: plants too short, poor color and/or stretching of Poinsettias that have only been fed with synthetic nutrition. Nature's Source late season applications may be able to help.

Many poinsettias are suffering from salt stress and poor nutrient uptake\*. Since Nature's Source plant foods are oilseed extract based, containing NPK, Trace Elements, Calcium and Amino Acids and is NOT salt based, it will provide nutrition and relieve some of the salt stress.

## EXAMPLES:

#### Poinsettias Too Short and/or Poor Color

First apply a fresh water flush to leach out the synthetic fertilizer salts in the media. Then apply Nature's Source 10-4-3 or 10-4-5 at a rate of 300 ppm N to the media 3 times a week and fresh water in between feedings as needed. It is not necessary to apply to leach as Nature's Source will not build up salts in the media.

#### **Poinsettias Beginning to Stretch and Poor Color**

First apply a fresh water flush to leach out the synthetic fertilizer salts in the media. Then apply Nature's Source 10-4-3 or 10-4-5 as a foliar spray at a rate of 600 ppm N; or apply Nature's Source Foliar Essentials at a rate of 64 oz. per 100 gallons as a foliar sprench. With either foliar application you will still need a nutritional drench of Nature's Source 10-4-3 or 10-4-5 at 300 ppm N twice a week. It is not necessary to apply to leach as Nature's Source will not build up salts in the media.

Our Nature's Source Foliar Essentials provides a low NPK supplement with a higher concentration of the benefits found in the Oilseed Extract.

\*Nature's Source can be applied now to help finish this year's production.

<u>Referenced Products:</u> Nature's Source<sup>®</sup> Professional Plant Food 10-4-3 Nature's Source<sup>®</sup> Nursery & Landscape Special Plant Food 10-4-5 Nature's Source<sup>®</sup> Foliar Essentials BioNutrition<sup>™</sup> Spray

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