

Hardy Fall Mums

PLANTING:

1. Plant in as much sun as possible. At least 6 hours is needed for good plant growth and bloom.
2. Amend the soil as needed for good root growth. We suggest using Bumper Crop.
3. Plant your mums at least 18-24" apart to allow for spreading.
4. Watering weekly, when planted in the ground, is normally sufficient. Check every few days as the weather changes.
5. Fertilizing is not normally needed when first planting in the fall, as most growers have used osmocote or a similar food.

OVERWINTERING:

1. After the first frost and after flowering has passed, cut the mum down to within 2 or 3" of the soil.
2. Removing the dead foliage helps to prevent insects and fungi from overwintering and reinfesting the plants the next year.
3. When the soil freezes, add 2 or 3" of mulch or straw to insulate the roots.

EARLY SPRING CARE:

1. When plants emerge in the spring and are about 4" high, they should be divided into 3 or 4 pieces and replanted. Space as you did in the fall.
2. In April, May, and June, the top 1/3 of the plants should be trimmed off. This will encourage branching and delay the development of bud set until later in the summer.
3. Fertilize starting in May with an all-purpose plant food.



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