

Growing Garden Mums



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Planting and Caring for Garden Mums

Hardy garden mums are enjoyed every year in our gardens. They provide dramatic bursts of fall color whether in massed plantings or scattered amongst your perennial beds. They also make an ideal fall transition plant for your annual container gardens!

- **Choose your mums** There are colors and varieties for every need; different mums bloom beginning anywhere from mid August into October, and can be had in varying heights.
- **Choose your location** Mums do best in a sunny location (minimum 4-6 hours per day) and with well-drained soil (add peat moss or Complete Planting Mix as needed)
- **Prepare the hole** Dig a hole 1½ times bigger than the plant to allow for added organic matter; moisten the hole well with a solution of Root n Gro.
- **Place the mum** with the top of the root ball level with the garden soil, fill in a tamp down to remove air pockets. Water thoroughly with Root n Gro solution.
- **Mulch for safe-keeping** for warmth and moisture control: 1” deep around base, 2” deep around perimeter
- **Pinch mums in spring** and into early July to increase fall flowering and maintain a sturdy, bushy plant. Fertilize with a general purpose fertilizer in the spring and summer months.