



MUMS

Mums are the number one plant used in fall decorating. Mums will give you tons of bold color in your fall displays, when cared for properly.

PLANTING

If you are planting your mum(s) in your landscape, you will need to follow these instructions for increasing your potential for success.

Plant mums as early as possible in the fall, so they have time to set roots before winter arrives. Planting before end of September is recommended.

Make sure your soil is healthy and fertile. Add compost as needed to make sure you have healthy, workable and fertile soil.

FERTILIZING

Next year in late spring, around early June your mum should be around 12" tall. That is the time to trim it down around 1/2 way. Also, this is a good time to fertilize your mum.

A balanced fertilizer is recommended. Apply fertilizer as recommended (refer to your fertilizer container) thru early September.

Around the 4th of July your mum will be 15" tall or more. This is the time to trim it down 1/3 of the way. Now let it grow and watch your mum bloom profusely in the fall!!

WATERING

After planting your mums in the ground, at the same soil depth as the soil in the pot, water in with root stimulator according to directions on the label. Repeat this once a month, starting the day you plant them, once in early October and once in early November.

For a mum that is in a container or above ground, won't need as much water. However, it's still recommended to check them at least every other day during the fall and water well as needed.

In winter, if it does not rain a 1/2" or snow at least 4" in a 2-3 week time period, pour some water on them. It is better to have moist soil during winter than dry soil.

Watering is the most important factor in maintaining nice plants in your landscape or fall display. To maintain your mum plant during the fall season, simply water well when dry, which will likely be daily in early fall when it is still hot! On hot days, and especially days that are windy, you may have to water your mum twice a day. It is very unlikely you will over water it when the weather is hot.

MULCHING

Mulching your mum is important for increasing their chance to survive the winter. Mulch 3"-5" deep around your mum no later than November 1. In winter it is recommended to water during the dry spells.

