

Fall Mum

CARE SHEET

EVERGREEN OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS

Many people don't know that fall garden mums are considered a tender perennial in our area. With proper planting & care, your garden mum from this year can become a recurring bloomer for years to come!

Caring for Fall Garden Mums Now

- Place your Mum in an area outside receiving at least 6 hours of sun per day
- Mums like their soil to be lightly moist - avoid letting them dry out but don't leave them soggy wet either. An easy way to check is just by checking soil daily with your finger.
- We recommend either watering from the bottom of your plant by soaking in a tray of water (it's simple just to place a saucer under your Mum) OR use a long stemmed watering can to get inside of the Mum. When water is sprayed over top of the flowers, it causes the flowers to fade and brown more quickly.
- If desired, you can repot your Mum into a slightly larger pot.
- Once your mum has finished flowering, you can either compost it, throw it away, or plant in the garden.

Planting Fall Mums in the Garden

- When your Mum has finished flowering, cut the top half of the plant off.
- Plant your Mum in a sunny & well drained spot. Mix a soil amendment, such as Daddy Pete's Nursery Blend, 50/50 with original ground soil.
- Fertilize every week with Fertilome Root Stimulator to encourage strong roots
- Cover stems entirely with a lightweight mulch, such as Pine Bark Shredded mulch, in mid to late November.
- In early March, remove all mulch from the Mum, leaving a 2" layer surrounding it.
- Cut or pinch back any growth that becomes larger than 12" to keep a compact & bushy plant. Don't do this after the end of May so buds can set.
- Fertilizer with our Flower Booster monthly from May through August & your Mum should bloom in September!