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## **GARDEN MUMS AT MEADOW VIEW**

### **General Garden Mum Information:**

Some retailers refer to garden mums as “hardy” mums. At Meadow View, we refer to them as “garden mums” (tender perennials) as they may or may not come back the following year.

Why plant mums? For traditional beautiful fall color, available in a rainbow of hues!

If I trim the flowers off, will they bloom again? In general, the answer is no, but it’s good to deadhead (remove spent blooms) to keep a tidy appearance.

### **How long will it bloom?**

This varies by variety. We offer early, mid, late and season extender bloomers.

The stage of bloom they are in when purchased - plants in full bloom will not be in full color as long as a plant just starting to bloom.

Weather can affect this - How cool or warm the fall season is (warmer weather blooms don’t last as long.)

### **General Care:**

Plant in a location that receives a minimum of 4-6 hours of full sun.

Plant in the ground as early as possible in the fall to establish a good root system before winter arrives.

Water thoroughly on a daily basis, possibly twice daily if the plant wilts.

The mum can be kept in the pot it is currently growing in for as long as you’d like. Watering is critical and the mum will most likely not come back the following year.

### **Over wintering procedure:**

Mulch around the base of the plant in early to mid-December.

Leave foliage intact throughout the winter months.

In spring, inspect the lower area close to the ground for new green growth (usually by mid-April).

Trim back old, brown foliage and stems down to new growth.