

## **How to Grow Hardy Mums:**

While you can grow Hardy Mums from seed or cuttings, almost everyone buys young plants from their local garden store. They can also be propagated by dividing and separating them.

Hardy mums get their name because they are easy to grow. Like other plants, they reward you if placed in the best location of your garden. But, they also thrive well in less than ideal conditions.

While mums will grow well in most parts of your garden, they prefer full to partial sun and good, well drained soil. If you are short on space, place them in almost any area and they will grow.

Hardy Mum plants have shallow roots. So, keep them well watered near the surface. Apply a balanced fertilizer on a regular basis.

Pinch back the growth to promote a bushy appearance. As fall arrives allow the growth to develop. Switch to a fertilizer higher in Phosphorous to promote blooming and you will be rewarded with big and colorful blooms that will shine in your garden long after your other plants have succumbed to frost and age.

Hardy Mums make excellent cuttings for indoor vases. Just check for bugs that like to harbor in the leaves.

Mums will survive winter in most zones. If you are in a more northerly climate, apply a thick layer of mulch over the plant after the leaves have died off.