

# Chrysanthemums

**Botanical Name** *Chrysanthemum x morifolium*

**Sun Exposure** Full sun to partial shade

**USDA Zones** 4-9

**Mature Size** Approximately 24-36" W x 24-36" H

Chrysanthemums (mums) are one of the most popular fall garden flowers. They reliably deliver a burst of color in containers, landscapes, and gardens.

Mums generally grow to a width and height of 2 to 3 feet so keep this in mind when planning your garden.

For best results, select a spot in full sun away from trees and big shrubs.

Soil needs to be well-drained and evenly moist soil. Mums do not like standing water and will quickly rot if left too wet. Add aged manure or compost to the soil.

Plant the mum in the ground or container at the same depth as it was grown in the pot.

Plant mums 24 to 36 inches apart.

Maintain good air circulation around plants.

Add mulch around the mum to conserve soil moisture and to keep weeds out.

Soak the soil deeply when watering. Avoid getting water on the leaves.

Don't cut back mums when tidying up flower beds in the fall. The dead growth insulates the roots. Cut off the dead stems and leaves when you see the first green shoots in the spring.