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Chrysanthemum Plant Report

Genus: Chrysanthemum Common Name: Mum

Family: Asteraceae

Country of Origin: Most species originate from East Asia and China.

There are countless horticultural varieties.

As a bloom of great importance, the Chrysanthemum symbolizes:

. Lasting friendship and non-romantic affection

. Support from your family and loved ones

. Cheerfulness and good spirits, including cheering up a sad person

. Rest and recovery after a long trial or challenge

. Enduring life and rebirth, especially the birth of a child

. Loyalty and devotion, both romantic and platonic

Culture:

Soil: Use 50-50 Mix, Plant so that the top of the rootball is level with the existing soil. Water well. A fertilizer such as 5-10-5 can be applied in the spring. Space 18”-24” apart.

In the garden: Groups of three complement well. Or complement mum plantings. They like full sun to partial shade. They can be moved in full bloom to a new desired location.

Winter: In late fall after blooms are spent, cut old stems to 4-6” and apply a 2”mulch for winter.

Pinching: The first pinching in May is the crucial one. Remove at least ½ inch of mum tops. Pinch back half the new growth in June and half the new growth in July.

Summer Care: Watering, in dry spells, and liberal on a weekly basis. Keep free of weeds. Retain loose mulch all summer. Application of a liquid fertilizer is good.

Source: Where to find plants? Meadows Farms Nursery, Zimmerman’s, Wentworth’s or any of the large grocery stores!

[www.meadowsfarms.com](http://www.meadowsfarms.com) was a great source for the info & for more Chrysanthemum details