

# Mum Care Guide

**Belgian mums (*chrysanthemum x morifolium*) are a classic autumn flower that make a perfect front porch planter with their compact habit and dense, prolific flowers!**



Mums love full sun, but the blooms will be just as showy on a full-to-part shade location like a front porch. If planting in the ground, plant in an area that receives 6+ hours of direct sun.



Depending on the weather and temperature, water every 1-3 days or when the soil begins to feel dry. Avoid getting the blooms wet, as this can lead to bloom rot. Water from the bottom of the pot if possible.



No pruning required! You can deadhead spent flowers for appearance and encourage new buds to open.

## *Did you know?*

Belgian mums are hardy perennials rated for USDA zones 5-9. With proper care, they can grow back in following seasons!

### **Some pro tips:**

1. If you purchase a potted mum in September, plant in the ground immediately to allow root systems to establish before consistent freezing. You can also keep the mum in a protected area (garage/sunroom/etc) through the winter and then plant it in the spring.
2. After planting, apply a 2-3 inch layer of mulch around the base of the plant for added protection (especially if planting in the fall)
3. It is recommended to not cut foliage back until spring for further protection.

