

Mum

Chrysanthemum x morifolium



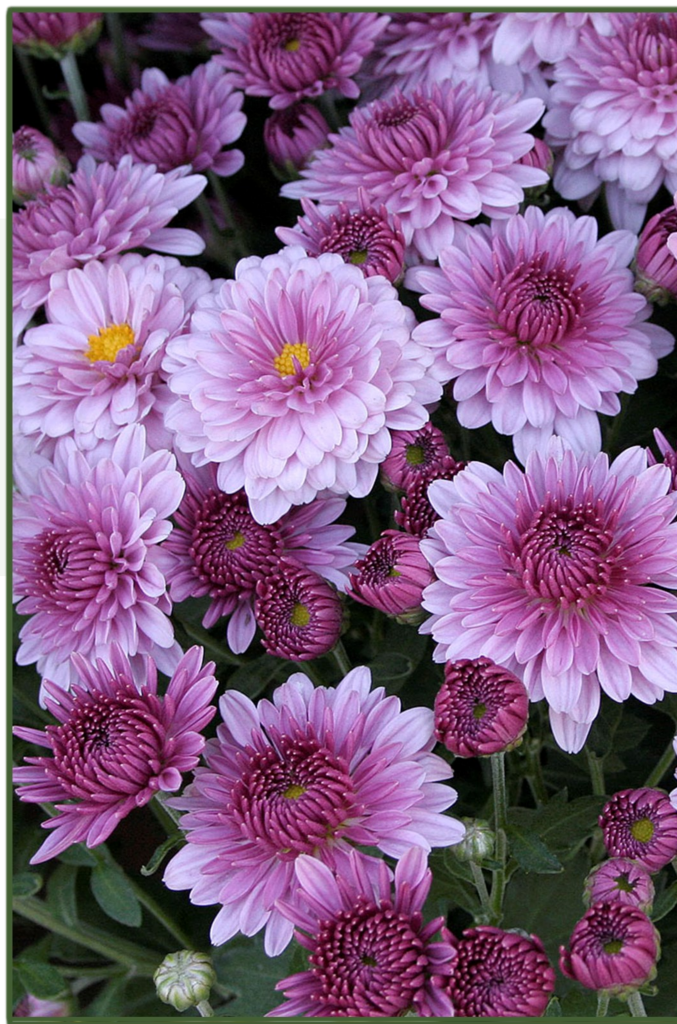
Full sun; 6-8 hours of direct sunlight
Artificial light at night can stop budding



Keep moist but not soggy
In rich, well-draining soil



USDA Hardiness Zones 5-9



Queen of the Autumn Flowers

As days get shorter in late summer and fall, chrysanthemums start forming their buds. Their late season blooming is what has established them as a quintessential symbol of fall decor. Florist varieties are grown as a seasonal annual, but hardy garden mums can survive winter in your garden.

- Open-center varieties make for valuable late-season nectar source for pollinators, especially when planted alongside asters.
- Considered toxic to pets.
- Various flower forms, and heights ranging from 8" to 3' tall.

Maintenance & Pruning

Because their bud formation is triggered by daylight hours, keep them away from artificial lighting like street or porch lights. These plants need full sun to produce strong stems and lots of blooms. To encourage a bushier habit and avoid flopping, pinch back stems from spring to early summer. Prevent diseases by maintaining good air flow, and watering at the base to minimize wet leaves.



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