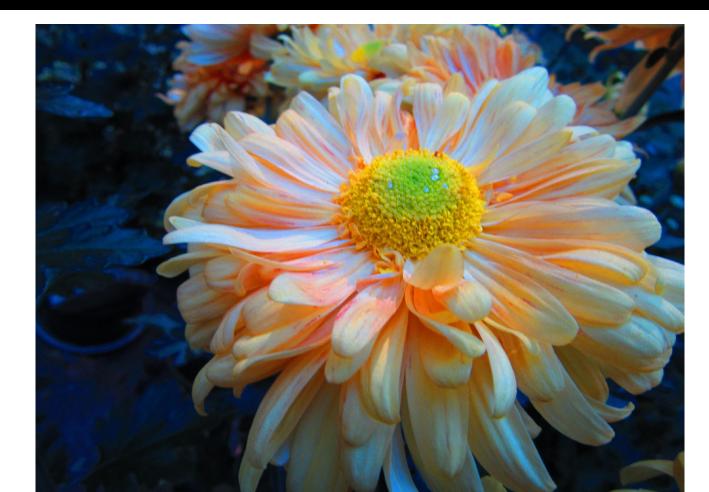
GROWING CHRYSANTHEMUMS IN ATLANTA

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Large flowered chrysanthemum varieties are called "cultivars".

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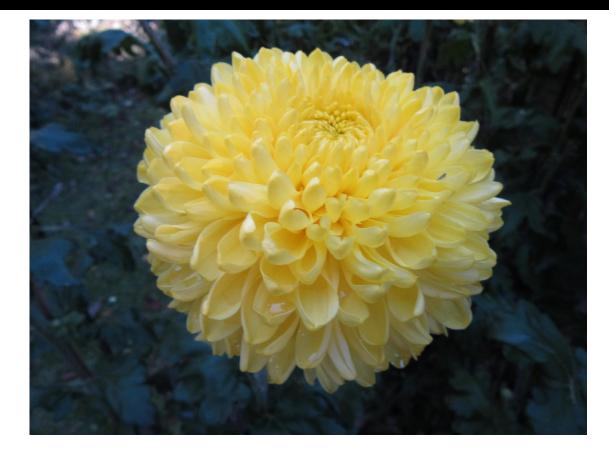
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Mums Like Lots of Sun! Full sun is best; 6 – 8 hours will give good results; light shade may be satisfactory.

Any good quality potting mix that does NOT contain water conserving pellets will give good results.

Mums are shallow-rooted. Azalea pots work fine or standard pots with a layer of clay in the bottom.

Mums like water but they do NOT like "wet feet".

Mums are heavy feeders. They will require more fertilizer than a typical houseplant or garden plant.

- Fertilizer Mix: In a FIVE-gallon bucket, mix the following in five gallons of water:
- 2 tablespoons Miracle Grow 24-8-16
- 5 tablespoons fish emulsion
- 1 tablespoon muriate of potash

Apply one pint of fertilizer mix per pot every two weeks during the growing season; applying every week may give bigger blooms.

Mums are NOT deer resistant!!!

Aphids are the most likely insect pests – use whatever insect control that you use on your other plants.



Diseases are very rare on chrysanthemums in Atlanta. Botrytis may be a problem if the autumn is very warm and wet.

Mums can be grown organically. The biggest challenge may be insect control.















Make the final pinch on or around July 15.







For additional information go to mums.org the website of the National Chrysanthemum Society USA

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