

Don't Let Those Chrysanthemums Bud!

Remember how the stock plants and rooted cuttings of chrysanthemums budded last spring? It might happen again. You can prevent it happening by lighting the plants for 30 minutes each night from 12 to 12:30 or a similar period. Forty watt bulbs with reflectors, hung five feet on centers will do the job.

Chrysanthemums bud when the days are less than 14 hours in length and the night temperature is above 60 degrees. If the night temperature goes above 60 before April 20 and you are not using lights, expect some budding. Continue the light treatment until April 20 and start it not later than March 15, better March 1. You will also get more cuttings.

Don't be in a hurry to propagate your mums. Cuttings taken April 15 will be good for cloth work to flower in early September. Normal season bloom will be best from cuttings taken June 1 to 15.

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