

DYNAMIC DISBUDS

Care & Handling

Disbuds, or Mums as they are commonly known, belong to the prestigious Chrysanthemum family. Most varieties originate from East Asia, some being native to Northeastern Europe. The name Chrysanthemum is derived from the ancient Greek word "anthemon" or flower. Mums to this day hold a prominent place in Chinese and East Asian art and culture. Did you know the mum is the imperial seal of Japan and the institution of the monarchy is called the Chrysanthemum throne? Chrysanthemum day began in Japan in 910, one of the five ancient sacred festivals. This date marks the Imperial court's first Chrysanthemum show.

Cultivated mums of the modern age come in a spectrum of shapes and colors making them one of the most versatile flowers to use in design. Daisy, cushion, spiders, ball; the array of shapes and colors is simply dazzling! If ever Mums had a claim to fame though, it could be summed up in one word, HARDY! These beauties aren't fragile. Not especially sensitive to ethylene, you can expect 7-10 days vase life minimum, and in most cases more, depending on the TLC you give them!

What to know before you buy:

1. **Ask** for cultivar names. Different cultivars can vary in disease resistance, ease of hydration, and vase life.
2. **Watch out for** yellowing leaves. This is a big red flag of improper storage or growing conditions. 34 to 38 F is the ideal storage temperature for Disbuds.

3. **Processing**

Start with a clean bucket, sanitized with D.C.D.® cleaner.

Fill buckets with cool water mixed with flower food solution according to manufacturer's recommendation. Do not put flowers directly into metal/galvanized buckets. Use clean, good quality water that has not been treated with a water softener as the salt levels can be damaging to flowers.

Cut or don't cut stems if using Floralife® Express Technology and be sure to Quick Dip. Re-cut stems approximately 1" using clean, sanitized clippers or knife. Remove any foliage that falls below the solution level.

Place flowers in prepared container.

Allow minimum 2 hours to hydrate placing buckets in an area with good airflow. Disbuds tend to drink fast! Check your container solution level often and refill as needed.

Always remember FIFO when rotating Disbuds or any other flower.

To learn more about best practices from the experts in flower care, visit www.floralife.com

