## **Stonegate Gardens**

### **Meridian Deep Red Chrysanthemum**

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Meridian Deep Red Chrysanthemum Chrysanthemum 'Meridian Deep Red'

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Other Names: Garden Mum, Korean Mum, Dendranthemum

Group/Class: Mystic Mums Series

#### **Description:**

This variety produces large, fully double deep red flowers with gold centers that completely cover this perfectly mounded plant; blooms in mid-season; adaptable to various conditions; best in full sun

#### **Ornamental Features**

Meridian Deep Red Chrysanthemum is covered in stunning dark red daisy flowers with gold eyes at the ends of the stems from early to late fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its fragrant lobed leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

#### Landscape Attributes

Meridian Deep Red Chrysanthemum is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Meridian Deep Red Chrysanthemum is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Meridian Deep Red Chrysanthemum flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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#### **Planting & Growing**

Meridian Deep Red Chrysanthemum will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Meridian Deep Red Chrysanthemum is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.