One of my favorite things in the fall is flowering mums, also known as garden chrysanthemums. You may cut the plants back to 2 to 3 inches high once they have finished flowering. If you choose to cut the tops off, apply a layer of mulch over the top of your mums after the ground has frozen or if the forecast calls for a sharp drop in temperature. Some gardeners prefer to leave the top growth so that it provides some protection from fluctuating soil temperatures. Mums should not completely dry out during the winter. It may be necessary to water occasionally if sufficient rain or snow has not fallen.

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