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Fall Mums: Just-in-Time Color

This time of year our focus turns to winding down our summer activities and getting the kids back to school. It seems as though the summer months disappear much faster than they come.

These waning summer days are when our gardens begin to lose their drama. The bright perennials have faded and the landscape is looking a little “tired”.

Luckily, the approach of fall also means that colorful perennial mums are available at your nursery, garden store or farmer’s market. Available in a wide array of colors, they are inexpensive and add an instant punch of color to the garden. Although many people favor traditional fall colors like gold, brown, yellow and deep burgundy, my favorites are the less-traditional white, yellows, and pinks. These summery colors help me convince myself that winter isn’t right around the corner! I often add more traditional fall colors later in the season.

Get the family and head to the farmer’s market this weekend. Buy big plants--you will need fewer of them—for a much needed burst of color in your garden now and for years to come.

