

Why doesn't the city dig up and sell the mums growing in the mum gardens?

1. Leaving the mums intact in the gardens after the festival gives the public the opportunity to enjoy the mums for several additional weeks.
2. Bus groups continue to visit the mum gardens after the festival weekend is over. This provides additional income for the program.
3. During a time when the mums were dug up and sold following the festival, the topsoil had been depleted in the flower beds. As a result it was necessary to purchase top soil and soil amendments to bring the beds back up to level to insure adequate drainage.
4. We cannot practice crop rotation since we have no other area in which to rotate. Without rotating the crop some isolated soil borne disease problems will develop. A full scale prevention program is used in the gardens from the first day of planting. We choose not to introduce this limited risk into your home garden.
5. Even if we choose to provide a mum that has been dug up (bare root) the product and time is working against you. The Mum Fest is held the last weekend in September. The mum sale would not take place until early October. That gives you limited time to get a bare root system sufficiently established to be able to survive the winter.
6. As a result the city supplies containerized garden mums with well developed and protected root systems. They are easier to establish if you mulch them and keep them well watered all the way until the first hard freeze.

THIS IS A BETTER PRODUCT FOR YOU.

