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Flowers For Fall Color

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Pansies and Violas

Pansies bloom in the fall, stay green through out the winter, and then start blooming again in the spring. Many of today's pansies survive winter as far north as Montana, so you won't have any problems in California's urban areas with these winter colors. Many selections including the small miniature pansies such as Johnny Jump Ups, bloom throughout the entire winter. Species of violas, which are smaller than the regular pansies, change color as they get older. They start out in white and as they mature they turn to blue. A great addition to any landscape for continued fall color.



Asters

These flowers have daisy-like blossoms. Their color is bright and warm which produces a colorful display that brightens the landscape during the cooling fall days. They bloom from late August through December. As the seasons change it is a good idea to separate the clumps and replant. Asters are great for fast color in all areas with mild winters (Zones 4-9).



Chrysanthemums

Pick the mums with blossoms that resemble little dahlias, because the new petals on this type emerge from the center of the blossoms for up to a month while old petals fade in the back, and the old petals can not be seen. What's the result? Blossoms that last and last! Chrysanthemums come in a variety of colors and are mostly pest free.