



Why garden mums die: Some winters are tougher than others on garden mums. Usually it's not low temperatures that always kill the garden mums, but rather poor soils, too much water around the base of the plants, or smothering due to leaves. If water stands over or around the base of a mum plant, you can be pretty sure the plants will die. In warm,

protected areas, mums can winter over without any protection whatever. However, if you happen to have a real cold winter, it's safer to use some organic mulch such as cornstalks, evergreen boughs or coarse straw, to bring them through. Avoid anything that packs down firmly such as tree leaves, manure or lawn clippings.

Many gardeners we know dig up their mum clumps and line them up along the foundation of their home. Some soil is placed between each plant. If you line up your mums against the foundation, do not let them dry out completely. Give them a sprinkling or two during the winter and spring. A GOOD indoor vine: If you're looking for something a

bit different this winter and want a window full of color, try sowing seed of morning glories in a pot of soil. Use the red, white and blue varieties for patriotic effect. As the plants grow, train them on a wire coat hanger anchored in the pot. You'll wind up with vines growing all over, producing hundreds of blossoms. We've even let them climb up around

the window sill, using a piece of string for support. ASPARAGUS ferns: This old fashioned fern makes a fine house plant, if grown in a shaded room, in a soil full of humus and amply watered. The asparagus plumosus or just plain "asparagus" used by florists, has flat sprays of fine foliage, whereas the asparagus sprengeri has

coarser foliage, lighter green in color. Do not allow either fern to become potbound. Transplant once or twice a year after well established. These seem to do well in a bright window, or semi-shade. Give a liquid plant food once every three or four weeks. Best temperature is around 70 degrees, during day, and not below 50 degrees at night.

#### GREEN THUMB CLINIC:

"A friend gave us some big Moreton hybrid tomato plants and we saved seed from the fruit. Would you recommend we grow our own plants from this seed?"

No. Not from a hybrid variety. Plants from this seed will lose much hybrid vigor and you may be disappointed. Producing hybrid seed is a costly job for seedsmen, and you might better pay a little extra for hybrid seed listed in a catalog.

### Platforms Elevate Appliances

Platforms of western wood are constructed easily for appliances such as freezers or washers and dryers installed in garages.

The platforms will keep appliances off the floor in event of a ruptured water tank or other flooding, and will raise them for convenience of taller persons. Platforms also may be used to keep garbage cans off damp floors.

For lower platforms, runners of 2x6- or 2x8-inch Douglas fir or western pine, on edge, can be covered by decking of 2x4s laid flat. Higher platforms may have legs of 4x4-inch posts, top frame and cross-braces of 2x4s, and decking of 2x4- or 2x6-inch fir or pine.

### Booklet Has Add-A-Room Suggestions

As families grow larger, it soon becomes apparent the only housing solution, short of moving, is to add more room to the house. The problem usually is deciding where and how, and then getting started.

Five architect-designed add-a-room projects show how to gain living space with a loft room, master bedroom, garage conversion, over-the-garage room, and a learning center.

For a copy of the booklet "We Need More Room," send 25 cents in coin to Western Wood Products Assn., Dept. 526-P, Yeon Bldg., Portland, Or. 97204.

### Framing Easy

"Picture Framing Fun With Wood Moldings," a six-page folder of how-to-do-it techniques, finishing tips and profiles of molding patterns, is available for 25 cents in coin from Western Wood Products Assn., Dept. M1-P, Yeon Bldg., Portland, Or. 97204.



#### Family Deserves Paneling

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