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FERTILIZER CYCLE & CARE GUIDE

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants



SHEVANTI
(CHRYSANTHEMUM)



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1. Fertilizer Cycle (Stage-wise)

1 Seedling / Sapling Stage (September–October – Post-Monsoon)

Soil: Well-drained loamy soil, rich in organic matter (pH 6–7).

Planting:

Sow seeds or transplant seedlings 12–18 inches apart.

Mix soil with 2–3 kg organic compost per sq.m.

Watering: Keep soil moist but avoid waterlogging.

 Initial Fertilizer:

Nitrogen-rich fertilizer (Urea 10 g per sq.m) to encourage vegetative growth.

2 Vegetative Growth Stage (1–2 months after transplanting)

Fertilize every 2–3 weeks with:

→ Balanced NPK 19:19:19 (10–15 g per plant dissolved in water)

Use organic compost/vermicompost every month.

Pruning: Pinch off top growth tips to encourage bushy growth.

3 Budding & Flowering Stage (3–4 months after transplanting)

Flowering Season: October–February (cool climate).

Fertilizer:

→ Use Phosphorus-rich fertilizer (10:26:26 or bone meal, 50–100 g per plant) to encourage blooms.

Watering: Regular but avoid wetting leaves to prevent fungal infection.

Sunlight: 4–6 hours of direct sunlight for bright blooms.

4 Mature Plant Maintenance

Monthly feeding:

→ Organic compost + NPK 10:10:10 (5–10 g per plant).

Deadheading: Remove spent flowers to promote continuous blooming.

Pest Control: Watch for aphids, whiteflies, and powdery mildew → treat with neem oil spray.



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2. Caring Tips

- ✓ Sunlight: Full sunlight (4–6 hrs/day) for optimal flowering.
- ✓ Watering: Moderate; water at base to prevent leaf diseases.
- ✓ Soil: Loamy, well-drained soil enriched with organic matter.
- ✓ Pruning: Regular pinching of shoots → bushier plants & more flowers.
- ✓ Container Growing: Use at least 12–16 inch pots with drainage holes.
- ✓ Temperature: Cool to moderate climates (15°C–28°C) preferred.

3. Pro Hacks

- 🌱 Bloom Booster: Apply bone meal or super phosphate 2–3 weeks before bud initiation.
- 🌱 Organic Tip: Use vermicompost tea every 2 weeks → enhances flower size & color.
- 🌱 Deadheading Hack: Regularly remove faded flowers → ensures prolonged blooming.
- 🌱 Pest Hack: Sprinkle neem cake powder around soil → prevents root pests.
- 🌱 Container Hack: Grow Shevanti in raised beds or pots with 1:1:1 soil, compost, sand mix for better

4. Blooming Pattern in India 🌻

Flowering Season: Shevanti typically blooms from October to February, making it a popular flower during the cooler months.

Planting Time: The best time to plant Shevanti is September to October, just before the flowering season begins.

Flower Colors: Depending on the variety, Shevanti produces yellow, white, pink, and red flowers, often with vibrant and long-lasting blooms.

Plant Height and Spacing: These plants usually grow to a height of 1 to 1.5 feet, and it's ideal to keep them spaced 12–18 inches apart for healthy growth and air circulation.

Watering Needs: Shevanti requires moderate watering, keeping the soil moist but avoiding waterlogging.

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