

warm spring weather.

The method of pinching is a must. Pinching is done to cause the plants to branch and thus produce more flowering stems. First pinch or cut out the top 1/4 to 1/2 inch of the growing tip of the plant. It again must be done not later than mid-July. Remove the tip 1/4 to 1/2 inch of each branch, not more is necessary or you will delay the fall beauty.

Three species of mites infest chrysanthemums~~mums~~ causing distorted foliage and shrivelled and discolored blooms. Control, by spraying with Miticides such as Aramite, Kelthane or Tedion. The systemic-type sprays such as Cygon can be also used but caution is strongly suggested as these are usually highly toxic materials. For more about Chrysanthemums, attend the annual Fall "Mum Show", at the Canadian Experimental Farm, Ottawa, this autumn. Good Gardening!

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