

GERANIUM, ZONAL GERANIUM, BEDDING GERANIUM

Botanical Name *Pelargonium x hortorum*.

Ethylene Sensitivity Yes

Storage Temperature 40-50°F

Storage Time 2 to 3 days

Purchasing Hints Know cultivar names, as much of a geranium's performance in the landscape is genetically influenced.

Special Concerns Use of anti-ethylene compounds will reduce petal shattering. Older (open) flowers should be removed prior to shipping since those flowers are more sensitive to ethylene than those showing color.

Additional Information Remove old and dead flower heads to reduce the spread of disease. Because of some major disease problems — especially ones involving bacteria for which there is no control — make sure the plants originated from disease-free stock. Oedema is a common disorder. Oedema is the appearance of small corky bumps or pimples on leaves, which is believed to be caused by water imbalances. Geraniums—seeded and asexually propagated—are the number one bedding plant grown, as measured in grower dollar sales. Avoid irrigation with chlorinated water, as phytotoxicity can occur.



Pelargonium is Greek for storks bill, in reference to the petal shape.