

MARIGOLD, AFRICAN MARIGOLD, FRENCH

Botanical Name *Tagetes erecta* and
Tagetes patula and cvs.

Ethylene Sensitivity Yes, slightly

Storage Temperature 50-55°F

Storage Time 3 days

Purchasing Hints Most customers want to purchase plants with open flowers or buds showing color. Garden performance will not be affected if plants are sold without flowers showing color.

Special Concerns Plants should be inspected for red spider mites and aphids. In most cases, plants received from growers will be insect free, but mites and aphids are difficult to control on marigolds.

Additional Information Plants should be displayed under good light conditions. The larger the growing container, the longer the plants can go without irrigation. Normal levels of chlorine found in drinking waters are not harmful.



Tagetes is named from *Tages*, an Etruscan god. The specific epithet “*erecta*” means “upright,” in reference to the taller growth of the African marigold, while *patula* means “spreading,” in reference to the lower and broader growth of the French marigold.