



## **Monte Casino Aster**

*Botanical Name: Aster ericoides*

*Common Name: Monte Casino, Heath Aster, Aster*

*Pronunciation: A-ster e-ri - KOI - deez*

*Family: Asteraceae or Compositae*

*Origin: Native to Eastern United States, ME to GA and TX*

### **Grower Recommendations**

Use Floralife's Hydraflor/100 for 1/2 hour immediately after harvest and then transfer flowers into a properly mixed solution of Floralife Fresh Flower Food or Floralife® Professional formula. Asters are best stored at 34-38° F.

### **Wholesaler/Retailer Recommendations**

#### **Buying Tips:**

Ask for cultivar name. Different cultivars may vary in disease resistance, ease of hydration and vase life.

#### **Processing:**

Unpack immediately. Remove foliage below solution level. Recut aster stems.

**Hydration:** Place stems in Floralife® Hydraflor™/100 for 1/2 hour or use Floralife Quick Dip® to hydrate.

**Holding Solution:** For wet storage, Floralife has formulated Professional solutions. Examples include Floralife® Clear Professional and Floralife® Professional. For vase and floral arrangements, use a solution designed for maximum enjoyment like Floralife® Original or Floralife Crystal Clear®. Always mix fresh flower food according to directions.

**Cleaning:** Floralife® D.C.D. is formulated for cleaning buckets, coolers and tools. Bacteria cause wilting and can produce ethylene. Scheduled cleaning can help reduce these problems.

*Specific Crop Treatments*

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**Monte Casino Aster** (continued)

*Temperature:*

Store at 34-38°F/80-90% RH

*Customer Satisfaction:*

Always give a packet of Floralife Fresh Flower Food with each purchase.

5 gram treats 1/2 liter/1 pint of water.

10 gram treats 1 liter/1 quart of water.

*Relatives:*

Plants related to aster are sunflower, daisy, gerbera, chrysanthemum and lettuce.

*Common Cultivars:*

'Purple Viking' is purple

'Winston Churchill' is raspberry

'Odin Viking' is light blue

'Celeste' is blue

'Patricia Ballard' is pink