

Spring Flowering Bulbs

For a magnificent display of colorful tulips, daffodils, crocus, hyacinths and other hardy spring flowering bulbs, plant bulbs in the fall before the ground freezes, anytime between September and November.

Planting Your Bulbs

- Choose a sunny location where the soil is well drained. Under deciduous trees (trees that lose their leaves) is fine.
- Clear away weeds, leaves and other debris.
- Over the area spread a 1-2 inch layer of compost or peat moss and the appropriate amount of bone meal or bulb food for the area being planted and mix into a depth of at least 6–8 inches.
- Plant bulbs, pointed ends up. For proper depth and spacing refer to the planting guide below.
- Cover the bulbs with soil and water in well.

Winter Care

- Water occasionally through the fall and winter if weather is dry.
- In late November or December when plantings are completed and the ground freezes, apply a 2-3 inch layer of wood chip or bark mulch over the planting beds to prevent heaving and damage from cold.

Spring and Summer Care

- Remove mulch from planted areas in early spring to warm the soil and stimulate growth.
- When new growth emerges, fertilize it with a complete bulb food such as Gro-Well's Bulb Food or Espoma's Bulb-Tone.

- Water bulbs as needed, but be gentle when they are in bloom so as not to damage the flowers.
- When the flowers fade, remove spent flowers by carefully removing flower stalks with a sharp knife or pruner down within the center of the plant.
- Do not cut or remove green leaves; they must remain on the plant for the next few weeks to re-energize the bulb for flowering next spring. When leaves fade and turn yellow or brown, then you can remove them.
- Spring-flowering bulbs are perennials and are hardy enough to be left in the ground all year 'round and will bloom again the following spring. Fertilize every spring when new shoots appear.

Spring Flowering Bulb Planting Guide

Name	Bloom Time	Color	Height	Planting Depth	Spacing
<i>Allium gigantum</i> Giant Flowering Onion	Early-to-mid Summer	Purple	48-72 "	8 "	12 " apart
<i>Allium</i> (shorter species) Ornamental Onion	Spring to Summer	Purple, white, rose-pink	Varies; 12-72 "	Varies; 4-8 "	12 " apart
<i>Anemone</i> Windflowers	March to April	White, pink, blue	4-6 "	2-3 "	4 " apart
<i>Crocus</i> (hybrids) Dutch Garden Crocus	March to April	White, blue, purple, lavender, orange, yellow	3-6 "	4-5 "	2-3 " apart
<i>Crocus Specie</i> Specie Crocus	March to April	White, blue, purple, lavender, orange, yellow; some striped	2-4 "	3-4 "	3-4 "
<i>Fritillaria imperialis</i> Crown Imperials	Late April to May	Red, yellow, orange	24-36 "	6-8 "	8-12 "
<i>Galanthus</i> Snowdrops	February to March	White	4-6 "	3 "	3-4 " apart
<i>Hyacinthus orientalis</i> Garden Hyacinth	April	White, red, pink, lavender, purple, yellow	10 "	8 "	6 " apart
<i>Lilium</i> Asiatic, Oriental Stargazer Lilies	Late June to July	White, yellow, orange, pink	24 "	5"	8" apart
<i>Muscari</i> Grape Hyacinths	March to April	Blue, white	6-10"	3"	3" apart
<i>Narcissus</i> Daffodils	March to April	Yellow, white, orange	4-18"	4-8"	4-6" apart

***Tulipa* Tulips**

Red Emperor	April	Red	16"	6-8"	6" apart
Greigii	Late April	Red, yellow, orange	6-9"	6-8"	6" apart
Kaufmanniana	March	Red, white, mixed	4-8"	6-8"	6" apart
Triumph	Late April	Red, pink, purple, lavender, yellow	12-18"	6-8"	6" apart
Fosteriana	Early April	Red, yellow, orange, mixed	12-18"	6-8"	6" apart
Darwin and hybrids	Late April to May	White, red, pink, purple, yellow, orange	18-30"	6-8"	8-10" apart
Lily-flowered	May	Red, yellow, white, purple	18-24"	6-8"	6" apart
Double early	Early April	Yellow, pink, orange, purple	10-14"	6-8"	6" apart
Double late	Late April to May	White, red, pink, orange	14-18"	6-8"	6" apart
Parrot	May	Red, white, purple, yellow, mixed	16-18"	6-8"	6" apart
Cottage	May	White, red, pink, purple, yellow	18-24"	6-8"	6" apart
Peony-flowered	Late April	White, orange, purple, red, pink	18-24"	6-8"	6" apart
Bouquet or bunch	May	Red and orange	18"	6-8"	6" apart
Rembrandt	May	Mixed	18"	6-8"	6" apart

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