

Caring for Your Bulbs

In Winter...

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

In Spring and Summer...

- Carefully clear the mulch away from planted areas in early spring to warm the soil and stimulate growth.
- When new growth emerges, fertilize with a complete bulb food.
- Water bulbs as needed, but be gentle when they are in bloom so as not to damage the flowers.
- Remove spent flowers by carefully removing flower stalks with a sharp knife, scissor or pruner. Cut just above where the flower stalk emerges from the plant.
- Green leaves must remain on the plant for the next few weeks to re-energize the bulb for flowering next spring. When leaves turn yellow or brown, remove them.

Annual flowers may be safely planted in between clumps of green bulb leaves.

- Spring-flowering bulbs are perennials and hardy enough to be left in the ground all year 'round and will bloom again next spring.



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Plant in the fall for a magnificent display of color in the spring



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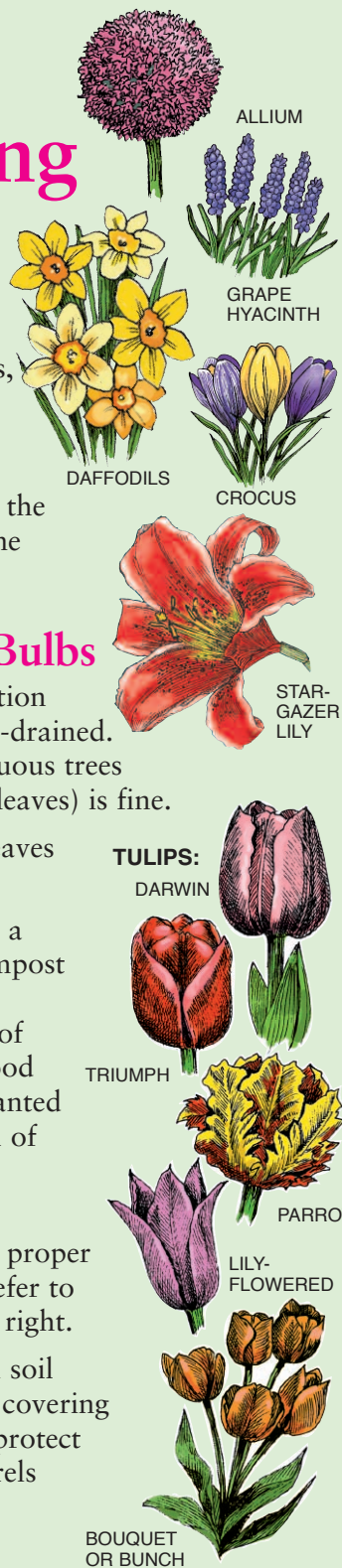
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For a magnificent display of colorful tulips, daffodils, crocus, hyacinths, lilies and other hardy spring flowering bulbs, plant bulbs in the fall before the ground freezes, any time starting in September.

Planting Your Bulbs

- Choose a sunny location where the soil is well-drained. Planting 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 with the pointed ends up. For proper depth and spacing, refer to the planting guide at right.
- Cover the bulbs with soil and water in well. A covering of wood mulch will protect the bulbs from squirrels and winter weather.



Spring Flowering Bulb Planting Guide

NAME	BLOOM TIME	COLOR	HEIGHT	DEPTH	SPACING
<i>Allium giganteum</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