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When can we plant these plants in the landscape? We recommend that you do not plant these directly into the garden until after May 1st. However, dahlias can be started indoor in pots.

How hardy are these plants? Officially, they are only hardy in Zones 8 to 11, (we are Zone 5, nearly 6).

What type of soil is best? Dahlias like well-drained, sandy, organic soil that is acid to neutral in pH.

What kind of light do they require? They grow in full sun. Bloom should occur early summer to frost.

How much water do they need? Water regularly during growth and bloom. Dahlias can be deer resistant.

How should they be fertilized? Use bulb food when planting; apply balanced fertilizer monthly

How do we winterize dahlia tubers? Dig dahlia tubers in the fall and store them as clumps in shallow trays where the temperature is a constant 40 degrees. Tubers will shrivel if they are too warm or too dry during storage.

How can we have bushier plants with more flowers? Pinch shoot tips twice: first, after three sets of leaves develop, and then again in a few weeks.



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