

Frequently Asked Bulb Questions

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Plant bulbs twice as deep as they are high. Example: Daffodils 7-8", tulips 6-7", crocus 4".



Which end is up?

"Point to the sun!" Look for the basal plate with dormant roots; roots go down. When in doubt, plant them on their side.

How far apart do I plant bulbs?

Plant in a massed style or clusters for best impact: 5-7 tulips/sq. ft., 4-5 daffodils/sq. ft., 12 crocus/sq. ft. "Naturalize" by scattering and planting where they fall.

How do I fertilize?

Bone meal should be mixed into bottom of the hole when planting. Bulb food should be applied as leaves emerge in the spring. It can also be used when planting. If only using one type, choose bulb food.

How do I plan bloom time?

Bloom time varies with the growing conditions each spring. Plan for a succession of bloom by choosing early, mid and late season bloomers.

Early: Mid March-Early April (ex. Crocus, Emperor tulips)

Mid: Mid-Late April (ex. Darwin tulips, narcissus,)

Late: May (ex. Parrot tulips, fritillaria, camassia)

Which bulbs are not attractive to squirrels and chipmunks?

Daffodils, hyacinths, campanulas, iris, alliums, fritillaria.

How can I keep rodents from eating my bulbs?

Rodent repellents such as Shake Away fox urine granules in the hole and area, or Hot Pepper Wax applied to the bulb before planting.

A sheet of chicken-wire can be placed over the bed after planting; Top with mulch. Bulbs will grow through holes.

"Old Wives" remedy: Medicated baby powder generously applied in holes at planting, on the bed after bulbs emerge, and again after die back of foliage.

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