

Jumpstart Your Garden: Preparing For Impact

The Early Bird Gets The Most Bang For Their Buck

Summer bulbs can make a huge impact in your garden and in containers. However, they often slow to get started and you are left waiting into summer for their fantastic blooms. By starting them early in pots indoors, you can move the bloom time up significantly and get more bang for your buck.

General Care Tips:

- Well draining soil
- Plant where they will thrive
- Control weeds
- Watch for insects and diseases
- Problems often related to weather
- Fertilize with bulb food or super phosphate

CALADIUM-Shade to Dappled Sun

- Like it hot—warm soil; night temperature
- Easy to jump-start inside
- Bright shot of color in shady location
- Can be difficult to store over winter
- Wide range of colors, leaf shapes
Standard, Strap leaf, Dwarf



TUBEROUS BEGONIAS-Shade to Dappled Sun

- Large variety of flower colors and flower forms
- Good for borders and containers
- Well draining soil
- Do not overwater in containers



ELEPHANT EARS-Morning sun to afternoon shade

- Hot numbers— warm soil, warm nights
- Great for borders or containers
- Provide adequate water to gain maximum size
- Solid green, black, variegated



CALLA LILIES-Full sun

- Unique flowers
- Attractive leaves
- Dig to be safe
- Expensive

CANNAS-Full sun

- Nice bang for the buck
- Heights of 2 to 5 feet
- Vibrant flower colors
- Foliage: Green, bronze, variegated
- Easy to store
- Prolific



GLADIOLAS-Full sun

- Fantastic cut flowers
- Wide variety of colors
- Plant in clumps, or in rows for cutting
- Watch for thrip
- Not recommended for early starting

LILIES-Full sun

- Winter hardy
- Well drained soil
- 20"-40" or more tall
- Some quite fragrant
- Blooms first year, multiplies

MISCELLANEOUS:

- AGAPANTHUS
- CRINUM
- EUCOMIS
- ISMENE
- OXALIS
- SPARAXIS
- TUBEROSA

