

# Tips: Planting Spring Bulbs

## Spring Flowering Bulbs- Fall Planting

Spring flowering bulbs will provide vibrant colors in the early spring months when hardly any other plants are blooming. For gardens, parks, or golf courses, bulbs are useful in any landscape plan! We offer you a selection of the strongest varieties, which you can mix and match to your own requirements. We only supply top size bulbs for the best flowering results

### Soil

No particular soil is required. Loosen the soil before planting and add some compost if necessary. Plant in well-drained soil.



Tulip Red Emperor and Muscari Armeniacum

### Bulbs in Containers

Plant bulbs in layers to prolong the flowering period. Bulbs that flower early, like crocus are planted on top of the later flowering bulbs like tulips. You may also use removable inner containers, so that the flowers can be replaced when their blooming period is over.

### Bulbs in Lawns and Grass Strips

Daffodils, Crocus, and Scilla Siberica are very suitable for planting under grass. The earliest flowering bulb types are the best choice, as the grass cannot be cut until 6-8 weeks after flowering of the bulbs. Add some fertilizer after fall planting and in early spring, just before flowering.

### Delivery

Delivery through your local location is available from September through December. Orders and re-orders placed in the fall through December will be filled, and east coast locations are guaranteed next day delivery.

### Planting Depth and Spacing

Plant the bulbs at a depth that is double their length. Place large bulbs with the "nose" facing upwards in the planting hole. Small bulbs can be scattered. The distance between the bulbs depends on the visual effect you are looking for.

#### Bulb Type Planting Depth Distance

Bulb Type	Planting Depth	Distance
Hyacinths	6-8"	6"
Tulips	6-8"	4"
Daffodils	6"	4"
Small Bulbs	2-4"	2"

### FALL BULB PLANTING SCHEDULE



### Planting Time

Spring bulbs must be planted in the fall to develop a good root system and to satisfy the bulb's cold requirement for spring flowering. The warmer the climate, the later you must plant the bulbs, as long as they are planted before the first frost. In general, it's best to plant when the soil temperature is below 60 degrees Fahrenheit. For very warm climates, give the bulbs a pre-cooling of 8-12 weeks.



Tulip Apeldoorn Mixture

### Mass Plantings in Beds and Borders

Add spring flowering bulbs to perennial and rose borders for color in early spring. Large plantings of hyacinths, daffodils, and tulips add a beautiful multi-color effect to the border. Plant them in separate groups or make large informal mixtures of different bulb types to prolong the flowering period.

### Naturalizing Bulbs

Daffodils, crocus, muscari, scilla, and most other small bulbs are perennial and can be left in the soil to return for many years. Allow the foliage to die down and add some slow-acting fertilizer when the bulbs emerge from the soil and after flowering.



Tulip Red Riding Hood and Crocus Peter Pan