



Protect from Frost

Spring flowering bulbs planted in pots and containers can tolerate a certain amount of frost but will require some protection during periods of moderate to harsh frost. At these times, cover them with branches and leaves, wrap them in insulating materials or store them in a garage, shed or greenhouse. Bring them outdoors once they start to sprout.

Care

Flower bulbs require water, especially right after planting and they start to produce roots. So keep the soil moist. During spring you may need to regularly water your containers. Through the blooming season, remove faded blooms before they try to produce seeds. Continue to water and allow the leaves to continue to grow and produce nutrients for next spring's blooms. Once the foliage has turned yellow you can trim them to soil level. You can plant perennials and annuals or herb seeds on top of your bulb containers.



Flower Bulbs in

Containers

Planting Guide From Bulbs To Beauty



Containers: Your Best Bet!

Flower bulbs are the best choice for anyone who gardens in containers. You can rely on fall planted bulbs to be some of the first blooms you will enjoy in spring.

Once planted, they require very little care and they reward you with such a wealth of flowering. Flower bulbs are so versatile and can be quickly added to containers that already have perennials and shrubs.

Recipe List for Layers

Early Flowering

Crocus
Dwarf Iris
Chinodoxa

Mid Flowering

Narcissus
Hyacinths
Muscari
Anemone

Late Flowering

Tulips
Dutch Iris
Allium



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Planting in Containers & Pots



Flower bulbs are ideal for spring colour and grow wonderfully in the garden and in containers. In late winter to early spring, bulbs are some of the first to bloom. Planting is easy and with a little bit of care, you will be rewarded with a glorious show of exuberant blooms!



How to Plant Bulbs in Pots and Containers

How to Plant

Flower bulbs can be planted more closely together in pots and containers than in the garden. Even so, they should not touch each other or the sides of the container. If you are planting a single layer, plant them at the same depth that you would in the garden.

Remember Drainage

Any container used for planting bulbs will need good drainage with one or more holes in the bottom. These holes can be covered with a layer of material such as newspaper to keep the holes from clogging up with soil.

Planting in Two or More Layers

To enjoy your containers for 4-6 weeks we advise planting early, mid, and late flowering bulbs in layers. This is called double decker, multi-layer or lasagne planting. Between each layer of flower bulbs, place a layer of potting soil about 5 cm (2") deep. Remember to place the last to bloom in the bottom layer and the first to bloom in the top layer.



Potting Soil with Drainage



Tulips (late flowering)



Hyacinths (mid flowering)



Crocus & Muscari (early flowering)

