

WAGNERS CARE CARD

BULB BASICS

There are few sights as lovely as the first crocus of the year, peeking up out of the frozen landscape of winter – and a few surprises as happy as the sight of a bowl of ‘Paper White’ Narcissus blooming indoors on a winter’s day. The flowers that we know as bulbs – tulips, daffodils, crocuses, irises, lilies, gladiolas and many others – contain a hidden world of color, lying beneath the ground waiting to be realized. Fortunately for us, bulbs are not only beautiful, but also easy to grow, lending themselves to a wide variety of terrains and performing well for anyone – from the novice to the most expert of gardeners. By following a few simple rules, even a beginner can be proud of their garden.



BASIC REQUIREMENTS

Planting

Plant bulbs in the ground according to their shape:

- Plant tear-drop shaped bulbs with the pointed end up and the heavy end facing down.
- Plant bulbs with obviously flat ends so the flat end points up.
- Plant rooted bulbs with the roots pointed down.



CARE & MAINTENANCE

Rules

- First, remember never to let your bulbs stand in water or they will rot. While the bulbs are growing, be sure they have plenty of water; even when they are dormant. They should not be allowed to dry out entirely.
- Make sure that you plant them in rich, well-drained soil, in a place where they will have full sun while their leaves are green.
- For best results when planting add a bulb food, booster or bone meal to the soil. This will improve blooming.
- Mulch your bulbs in winter and allow the mulch to decompose in place, improving the soil. If you have problem visitors – squirrels, chipmunks – plant your bulbs, place chicken wire flat just below ground level and cover with soil; this will help keep the creatures out.



TIPS & TRICKS

Seasonal Bulbs

Bulbs for spring planting and summer bloom time:

Asiatic Lilies, Calla Lily, Canna, Colocasia, Crocosmia (Elephant Ear), Dahlia, Gladiolus, Oriental Lilies

Bulbs for fall planting and spring bloom time:

Allium, Asiatic Lilies, Crocus, Daffodils, Hyacinth, Garlic, Muscari, Oriental Lilies, Tulips

Bulbs for winter planting and indoor blooms:

Amarillys, Hyacinths, Paper White



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