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PLANTING

Loosen the soil thoroughly before planting and work in compost as required.

WHEN TO PLANT

Spring flowering bulbs can be planted from September right up to end of November, but try to plant before the winter freeze begins.

PLANTING DEPTH

Dig your hole and arrange the bulbs in an upright position in the hole. Ideally the hole should be twice as deep as the height of the bulb.

PLANTING DISTANCE

The larger the bulb the more space you leave between bulbs. Typically this will be 12 cm for larger bulbs and 6 cm for smaller ones.

SOIL TYPE & DRAINAGE

Sandy soils typically drain quickly, whereas clay soils hold water longer. Bulbs don't like to be soggy, so add sand/compost into clay soils or place pebbles into the holes before planting to help drainage.

WATER & FROST

Immediately after planting, water your bulbs as this will encourage root growth. As the roots form, they increase their tolerance to frost.

BULBS IN CONTAINERS & POTS

Bulbs can be planted more closely together than in the ground, which can make a stunning display. Make sure there is a hole in the bottom and add bits of broken crockery or stones to help with drainage and circulation.

PROTECT BULBS IN CONTAINERS

Try to avoid positioning bulbs too close to the pot edge as this is where the frost will strike first. If frost is expected, wrap the container in bubble wrap or other protection. Alternatively position the container in an area that will not exceed 13° c.

PLANTING IN LAYERS

Planting late flowering bulbs (tulips etc) below early flowering (crocus/hyacinth etc) can provide colour in the same area for many weeks. There are no adverse effects on the bulbs and this works equally well for pots and ground planting.

ENJOY YOUR BULBS AGAIN

Many bulbs will reappear year on year. Leave to naturally wither after flowering and give them a helping hand with fertiliser when the new shoots emerge from the soil and immediately after flowering.

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