

## **BULB CULTIVATION – FAQ's**

We have put together a selection of [spring plants bulbs](#), available either in lots of 100 or 1000 which will add colour to your garden or school next spring. They include Crocus, Narcissus and Tulips and will be shipped direct to you from the grower – **as long as your order is placed no later than 26/10/2009.**

Our selection of bulbs and prices can be [viewed and ordered here](#).

**If you have never planted bulbs before, here are some useful tips.**

### **How soon should I plant my bulbs after I buy them?**

While it's always best to plant your bulbs immediately you receive them, if you cannot do so be sure to store the bulbs in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight. Even if planted late, bulbs will usually try to grow; it is part of a pre-programmed cycle.

### **What soil is best for bulbs?**

Most bulbs will be quite happy in any ordinary, well-drained garden soil. If your soil is a bit heavy and inclined to hold the moisture, try digging in some sharp sand prior to planting, this will help the drainage. Heavy loam and clay soils can be improved by digging in some well-rotted organic matter.

### **How deep do I plant my bulbs?**

As a rule of thumb the bulb should be planted in a hole twice its own depth, with a minimum depth of 5cm.

### **Do bulbs have a right way and a wrong way up?**

Yes, generally speaking the flat base goes at the bottom and the pointed tip upwards.

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## **Should I dig up my bulbs after flowering?**

Most varieties can be left undisturbed to flower in subsequent years. There are exceptions to this rule but we will tell you in our cultural instructions which ones need to be lifted.

## **How many bulbs should I plant together?**

Groups of bulbs make a much nicer show than individual rows. To create an eye-catching display in the garden, plant in clumps, when the clumps start to get too big, lift, divide and re-plant in smaller groups.

## **I'm not ready to buy these bulbs yet; can I buy them in the Spring?**

No, spring-flowering bulbs such as tulips and daffodils must be planted in autumn. The winter period is their dormant or resting stage before they come into flower in the spring time.

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## **It's February and I've just found some bulbs that I haven't planted, what do I do?**

Plant them now! If they are still firm and plump, there is a chance you will get some sort of show from them.

## **Will my bulbs die if they start to come up and then the weather turns really cold?**

No, it will usually slow them down a bit, but bulbs are quite tough and they will carry on their growing process as the weather warms up.

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