



THE HARLOW HELPER

BULBS

WHERE TO PLANT

- Bulbs will do well most anywhere in your garden.
- Good drainage is important.
- Place plants in groups or clusters of the same variety or color.
- Tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths in clusters of at least 8 bulbs.
- The smaller bulbs should have at least 25 in a group.
- Bulbs require at least one half day of sun or filtered sunlight, and many will take full sun.
- Bulbs also do well in pots.
 - Tulips and hyacinths, when planted in a shady area, will last longer and grow taller.
 - Ranunculus will give the most color over the longest period of time.

PREPARING NEW BEDS

- Select an area and loosen soil to about one foot.
- For each 100 sq. ft. of area, mix in 8 bags (2 cu. ft.) of FOREST MAGIC ORGANIC MULCH, 2 lbs. of Soil Sulfur, and 5 lbs. of HOLLAND BULB BOOSTER.
- Rake and level area.
- Soak a time or two before planting to settle the soil.
- Re-rake and level.

PLANTING YOUR BULBS

- Plant bulbs (tulips, daffodils, hyacinths) 6" deep; small bulbs (crocus, allium. muscari) about 3" deep.
- Plant hyacinths and daffodils about 5" apart, tulips 4" apart, smaller bulbs 1"- 2" apart.
- Hyacinths and tulips should be chilled (in a paper bag in the refrigerator) for 6-8 weeks (tulips) and 4 weeks (hyacinths). Best if planted in early October. Flowers last longest with afternoon shade.

AFTER PLANTING

- As soon as the bed is planted, water thoroughly.
- Water again when soil is dry down to the bottom of the bulb. Check with finger or pencil, etc.
- When soil is kept too wet initially, top growth is forced too soon with no root system to supply the leaves with water.
- After good top growth shows, keep the bed damp, not WET, until after bloom is finished.

AFTER FLOWERING

- Fertilize in the six-week period following bloom to insure good bloom for the following year.
- Fertilize twice, three weeks apart, with SCHULTZ BLOOM PLUS 10-60-10.
- Never cut green foliage from bulbs!
- Bulbs should be kept dry in the summer.
- If other flowers are to be planted in the bed; dig, wash, and dry the bulbs in the shade; and store in a paper bag in the house until next season.