

A guide for planting

SUMMER BULBS



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Bulbs are one of the easiest and most cost effective ways to create stunning, colourful displays in your garden, or easily in pots & containers. The planting time for summer flowering varieties is between January and May.

Tools & things you will need:

- Fork
- Hand Trowel
- Containers / Pots / Baskets
- Compost / Bulb Fibre
- Liquid Fertiliser
- Watering Can
- Planting supports (Canes)

Choosing varieties:

It's always a good idea to check the packets for colours, heights and flowering dates. This will help you decide when and where to plant the products and to achieve the best displays.

It's great to group colours and varieties to create maximum impact or you can be creative and mix & match. When mixing, ensure the flowering dates are the same, and watch out for the heights. Plant tall flowers at the back of your displays, beds and borders, and smaller ones at the front.

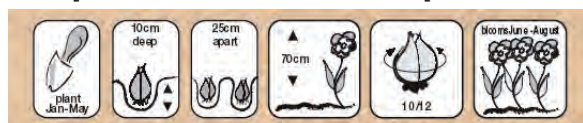
Quality:

For best results it is advisable to plant the bulbs straight away. Check the bulbs are firm with no visible signs of decay.

How to plant:

- Do not plant when the soil is waterlogged, frozen or very dry
- Bulbs develop extensive roots, therefore, plant in a well dug soil to the depth stated on the pack.
- The packet should also indicate the distance you need to leave between each bulb, usually 12cm for larger bulbs and 10cm for smaller ones
- Cover the bulbs with loose soil and water
- Sit back and watch them grow

Sample information on the flap of the bulb pack:



After care:

- Do not let the plants dry out, adequate moisture is essential for the flower buds to form properly
- Stake tall growing varieties to prevent damage
- If the bulbs begin to flower irregularly then it is usually a sign that they need dividing. Using a hand fork, gently lift a clump, divide the bulbs and replant in smaller groups
- Many bulbs can be left in the ground to flower the following year, however, some varieties need to be dug up after flowering and stored in a dry, frost-free place until ready to re-plant

Top tip! - Dead-head flowers regularly to promote continuous growth.