

Tips for Success

Water: Once you have gotten your bulbs planted, give them a generous watering. Continue to water throughout the autumn and winter if the soil is not getting sufficient precipitation from rain or snow. Determine if they need water by putting your finger in the top of the soil and if the top inch is dry then that means it is time to water.

When to Plant My Bulbs: These bulbs must be planted in the fall because they require a period of 6 weeks of cool temperatures in order to encourage flower formation. If you live in Zones 3-8 the time to plant is when the ground is cool and evening temperatures average 40-50F. This is typically about 6 weeks before the ground freezes. If you live in Zones 9-11, it is necessary to pre-chill the bulbs. Simply leave bulbs in their bags and place in a refrigerator for 8-10 weeks and then plant. Make sure you don't store bulbs near fruit such as apples or pears because as they ripen they can cause bulbs to rot.

What if I forgot to Plant some Bulbs?: If the bulbs still look plump and are firm to the touch then plant them! Most bulbs are pretty tough and will still perform, albeit later than if they had been planted in the fall.

Plant Care after Flowers have finished: In order to ensure that your bulbs return the following year, after the flowers have finished you must leave the foliage in the ground for at least 8 weeks. During this time the foliage absorbs sunlight which it transforms into stored energy that it will use the following spring for growth. If you do not want the bulbs to flower the following year then you may take out all the spent foliage.



Roberta's Gardens PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Daffodil Landscaper Special *Narcissus hybrids*

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You can email questions to us at: plantquestions@robertasinc.com.

If your bulbs, cuttings, etc. do not sprout, or your plant dies within one year from the date of shipment, we will send you a replacement free of charge. We cannot accept responsibility for losses due to extreme weather or neglect. Simply call us at the above toll free number or fill out the plant replacement form on our website at RobertasUniqueGardens.com.

Roberta's will replace it with a similar or comparable plant at no charge. If your replacement is not available or it is too late in the season to ship, it will ship the following year.

Perennials

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Quick Reference

 **Plant Type:** Perennial

 **Light/Sun:** Full to Partial Sun

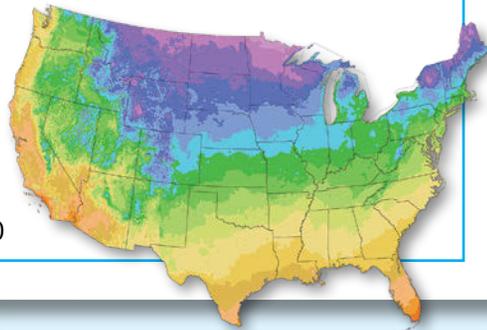
 **Mature Height:** 16-20"

 **Mature Spread:** 2-4"

 **Bloom Time:** Early spring

 **USDA Hardiness Zones:** 3 to 10

9a to 11  7a  6a  5a 
8a to 8b  6b  5bs to 5bn  3a to 4b 
7b 



Plant Caretaking

Upon Arrival: Please take plants out of the box immediately and remove any shipping materials from around the plants.

Planting Depth & Spacing: Plant bulbs twice as deep as they are tall. Daffodil bulbs should be planted about 4-6 inches deep. They also do well planted in clusters and can be planted 3-6 inches apart. They will naturalize over time and fill in the gaps.

Potted Plants: Bulbs will often perform better in ground rather than containers but if using pots make sure your container has holes to allow excess water to drain.

Where to Plant: Bulbs love a sunny location that drains well. They look great when clustered closely to one another for a dense display of color. They are quite versatile and will generally do well just about anywhere planted.

Watering: To determine if your plant needs water, put your finger in the top of the soil and if the top inch is dry, it is time to water. Beware, bulbs do not like soggy environments. Watering once every 10-14 days is generally sufficient.

Fertilizer: Use Roberta's Bounty a couple weeks after planting in the fall and then again once in the spring when sprouts emerge.

Pruning: It is necessary to allow foliage to remain on plants after flowering for at least 8 weeks so that the bulbs can store energy to produce flowers the following year. You may cut the foliage back after this period.

Planting Steps

Step 1 Remove plastic bag or sleeve from around the bulbs and discard any packing materials. If necessary, you may store bulbs for a month or longer in a cool dry place.

Step 2 Bulbs require soil that drains well year round. Daffodils will typically perform well in any soil, but they will not perform if soil remains very wet and soggy for prolonged periods of time. Dig holes about 4-6" deep. You may cluster bulbs in quite closely, about 3" apart is sufficient.

Step 3 Plant in the garden or in containers when evening temperatures average between 40-50F, and before the ground freezes. Nestle bulbs in the hole and fill the hole with soil to the level of the flowerbed.

Step 4 Water in bulbs nicely right after planting. Continue to water through the winter if there is not adequate rainfall. Bulbs do not like soggy conditions, so only water when necessary.

Step 5 Apply a 1-2" layer of mulch on top of planting site once the ground freezes, typically a month or so after planting.

