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How-to-Plant Guide

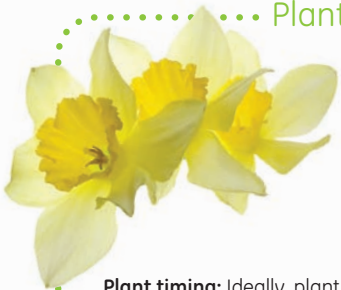


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Planting your daffodil bulbs



The elegance and beauty of a simple golden daffodil can brighten up any landscape. They are a wonderful addition to any flowerbed, and are one of the easiest plants to grow. Daffodils typically perform well throughout the U.S.

Plant timing: Ideally, plant daffodils 6" deep any time the soil is 60°F or colder.

Where to plant: Plant in full-sun areas in well-prepared soil; avoid planting where water collects. Plant height/width: 8" - 12"

Sowing: Excavate soil, forming either holes, a trench, or a level table area several inches deep. Set bulbs into the holes or beds about 6" deep with approximately 6" between bulbs. Fertilize and cover with excavated soil and mulch. It's best for the bulbs to be upright, but they can be sideways or even upside down, as they will right themselves when growing.

After planting: Firm soil and water thoroughly. Don't water again until leaves appear.

Bloom time: Spring

Planting site preparation



If you are planting in an area that is not a prepared bed, you will need to take a few steps to get the site ready for planting.

Mark the area where you will be creating the flowerbed with spray paint or spray chalk.

Remove sod by first edging out the bed with a spade or shovel. Then, remove the top layer of soil/grass in the area at a depth of about 1". Break up soil with a gardening fork or shovel for easier integration of topsoil and nutrients.

Add topsoil and nutrients to the area, mixing with the existing soil. Then, the area can be prepared for planting.

Mulch the area with 2" - 3" of mulch after the bulbs are in the ground.



Tips for planting success

Here are a few tips to help ensure your plant day goes smoothly.

- Check site prior to planting
- Know what you need to do to prepare and plant at the site
- Identify an alternate plant day for bad weather



Tools

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- Gloves
- Top soil/compost
- Mulch
- Safety glasses



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Planting your gladiolus bulbs



Gladiolus plants offer a blast of color that can brighten up any landscape. Plant alone or combine with other low-lying perennials for a dramatic presentation. Gladiolus typically perform well throughout the U.S.

Plant timing: Plant after the danger of major freezes has ended in the spring into early summer.

Where to plant: Plant in full-sun areas in well-prepared soil; avoid planting where water collects.

Plant height: 2' – 3'

Sowing: Excavate soil, forming either holes, a trench, or a level table area several inches deep. Set bulbs into the holes or beds about 4" apart, fertilize, and cover with excavated soil and mulch. It's best for the bulbs to be upright, but they can be sideways or even upside down, as they will right themselves when growing. Gladiolus can be timed to bloom depending on the depth of planting. Plant at lower depths (6") for a later bloom and shallower depths (4") for an earlier flower.

After planting: Firm soil and water thoroughly. Don't water again until leaves appear.

Bloom time: Summer

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