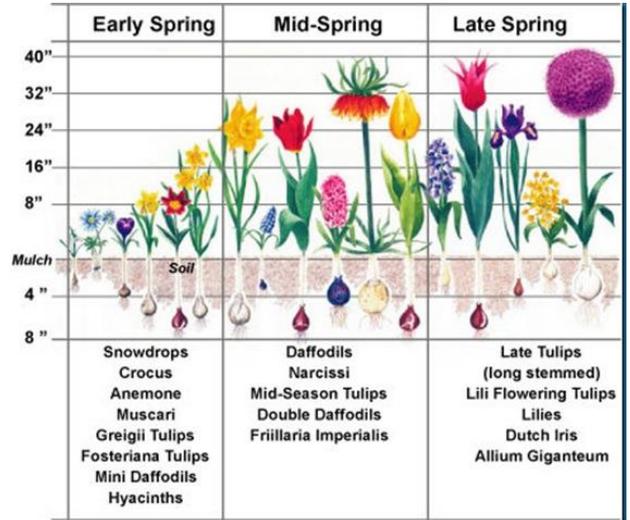


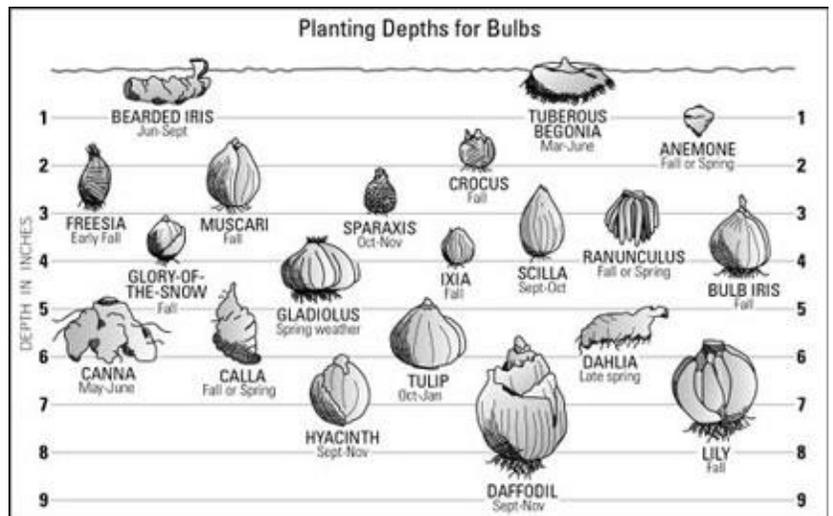
Bulb Planting

When Planting Bulbs It's Important To Know....

- Bulbs most often easy to care for and require little maintenance after being placed in the garden. They are easy to plant: Dig . Drop . Done .
- Most bulbs require 8 to 12 weeks of cool, moist conditions before going to flower. It is best to have bulbs in the ground no later than the end of December if you want them to bloom by spring in the garden.
- Most bulbs will thrive in full sun or part shade. Keep in mind many trees will not be leafed out when bulbs bloom in the spring.
- Plant bulbs in small or large groupings of 3 or more of the same type of flower in order to have them stand out while they bloom. Some bulbs look great when they're randomly scattered throughout natural areas such as the lawn.



- If squirrels, chipmunks or voles are a problem, spray your bulbs with a repellent before planting.
- Place the bulbs into the holes with the top of the bulb (usually slightly pointed) pointing up. If you have difficulty in deciding which end should go up or down, you can usually count on the base of the bulb being wider than at the top. When it's impossible to distinguish top from bottom, plant the bulbs on their sides.



- Bulbs should be planted two to three times deeper than the width of the bulb. For example, a tulip that is 3" wide is planted 6" deep. Water thoroughly after planting.
- It's recommended that you apply a layer of mulch on top of the soil (about two to three inches). This will help keep moisture in the ground and protect the bulbs during the winter.
- After your bulbs have bloomed, you can deadhead the flowers, but don't trim the leaves. The leaves will continue growing for several weeks as the bulb stores up food for next year's blooms. When the leaves begin to turn yellow and fade, you may begin removing them.