



Bulb Garden Care

Please read all instructions before proceeding.

Our pre-planted bulbs are stored in coolers under complete darkness to prepare them for indoor bloom. Because they are stored in the dark, their sprouts may be yellow and somewhat bent upon arrival. Once you place them in bright light, the sprouts will straighten and turn a healthy green in a few days.

Care Upon Arrival

Open the box immediately to allow air circulation. If you cannot care for your plants for a day or two after arrival, place the open box in a cool, dark, non-freezing location. **NOTE: Your bulbs may arrive frozen. Freezing does not harm spring-blooming bulbs, such as tulips, crocus, hyacinths and narcissus. Place your bulb garden in a room-temperature location where it can thaw slowly.**

Handle your plants very carefully so that you don't damage any tender new sprouts while removing the packing material. To make it easier to monitor soil moisture, we suggest removing any protective moss covering upon arrival. You may wish to leave a light layer of moss around the plants for decoration.

If the soil is dry when plants arrive, remove the pot from the decorative container and water it well to moisten the soil. Allow the pot to drain thoroughly before placing it back into in the decorative container.

Growing and Maintenance

Place the Bulb Garden in a cool, brightly lit location, ideally no more than 2' to 3' from a window or under bright artificial light. Temperatures between 60 to 65° F are best. Plants grow more compactly and blooms last longer in cool temperatures. Plant growth may "stretch" in warmer temperatures and low light conditions.

As the plants grow, rotate the container every few days to prevent them from leaning toward the light. Keep the soil consistently moist, but not soggy. They will need more frequent watering as they grow.

Bulb baskets will begin to bloom in about two to four weeks. **NOTE:** Different bulb varieties will bloom at different times. Once the plants begin to bloom, the floral display typically lasts one to two weeks. For longest bloom, keep the soil moist and move the pot out of direct sun. Temperatures of 60 to 70°F are best.

Some of the bulbs in your Bulb Garden may bloom again if planted outside in your garden, although it may take them at least two seasons to produce flowers. Please see instructions on the other side.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Can I plant the bulbs in my garden after they bloom?

Yes, although most of the bulbs won't bloom again for a couple of years. Cut off the spent flowers, and treat the bulbs like houseplants until spring. Fertilize monthly and grow in a cool, bright spot until the foliage naturally dies back and the bulbs go dormant. In zones 3 through 8, plant the bulbs outdoors in a sunny, well-drained location in spring. Bulbs will not rebloom in zones 8 and warmer and should be discarded. (For information on getting amaryllis to rebloom visit gardeners.com.)

Why don't all the flowers bloom at once, like the catalog photo?

Individual bulbs and bulb varieties naturally bloom at slightly different times, which allows you to enjoy the flowers over a longer period.

My basket has small insects flying around it. What are they?

Fungus gnats sometimes hitch a ride in the soil of potted plants. They will not harm your bulbs, but they can be annoying. To control, remove the moss and allow the top inch of soil to dry out. Water the pot from the bottom only.

Sweet Delight Bulb Garden

Seadov tulips, Tubergeniana scilla

Winter's Kiss Bulb Garden

Toplips tulips, Siberica Spring Beauty scilla

Love in Bloom Bulb Garden

Design amaryllis, Canasta tulips, Delft Blue hyacinth, Star of Bethlehem

Spring Sunshine Bulb Garden

Oxford Gold narcissus

Daffodil Delight Bulb Garden

Golden Echo narcissus, Blue Magic muscari

Easter Blooms Bulb Garden

Early Glory tulips, Anna Marie hyacinth, Tubergeniana scilla

Spring Serenade Bulb Garden

Purple Prince tulips, Jelfire narcissus, King of the Striped crocus

Mother's Day Bloom Bulb Garden

Toplips tulip, Delft Blue hyacinth, Alba scilla

Blush Melody Bulb Garden

Double You tulips, China Pink hyacinth, Armeniacum muscari