



DAFFODIL PLANTING GUIDE

PLANTING TIME

Planting bulbs in the fall is the easiest way to enjoy hardy, low-maintenance daffodil blooms that flourish in both sun and partial shade. As an added bonus, many bulbs multiply quickly, often doubling within just 2 to 3 years, making them a long-lasting and reliable staple in the early spring garden.

For beautiful daffodil blooms next spring, the ideal planting time is between late September and December, before the ground freezes. Check your USDA zone to determine the perfect planting time for your area.

PLANTING

In the garden, daffodils look best and make the most impact when planted en masse. We recommend planting in clumps of 10-20 bulbs – digging out a circle of soil 6-8 inches deep.

We suggest mixing in a little organic compost and a bulb fertilizer, then planting your bulbs about 4-5 inches apart. Once your bulbs are planted, cover with soil and water them in deeply.

HARVEST

In the spring, harvest blooms that haven't fully opened for maximum vase life. If picked when the buds are fully colored, but still slightly nodding (also known as the "goose neck" stage), a solid week of vase life can be expected. Wear gloves when harvesting narcissus as they ooze a slimy sap that can irritate your skin.

NOTES

Daffodils release a sap that can clog the water vessels of other flowers, preventing them from absorbing water and causing them to wilt prematurely. It is best to avoid mixing them with other flowers in the vase.

You can create an arrangement solely of daffodils because they are quite beautiful on their own, either just one variety or several, and the sap won't be an issue.

ALL parts of the daffodil are poisonous to humans and animals when ingested, especially the bulb. Because of this, critters such as deer, gophers, armadillos and others leave them alone.