

# Growing Flowering Bulbs in Bermuda

## Spring & Summer



A bulb is any plant that stores energy in an underground storage organ. Although the various bulbous plants have their distinctive differences, the common factor is their ability to store food to carry them over the adverse weather conditions until their above-ground growth begins again.

**Spring Bulbs:** *Amaryllis, Anemones, Chinodoxa, Crocus, Daffodils, Freesia, Frittilaria, Hyacinth, Iris, Narcisus, Ornithogalum, Paper Whites, Ranunculus, Soleil D'or and Tulips*

**Summer Bulbs:** *Agapanthus, Calla, Canna, Gloriosa, Gladioli, Zephranthes*

### When to Plant

Crocus, Daffodils, Hyacinths and Tulips need refrigeration in the salad crisper for 6 weeks away from soft fruit i.e. apples peaches, pears and plums.

All other bulbs may be planted when you purchase them.

### Where and How to Plant

Some people like a formal layout for their bulb plantings while others enjoy a naturalized look. To achieve a formal look lay your bulbs out before you dig. Choose the spots you would like and leave the bulb there to mark the spot while you dig the other holes.

Most bulbs do well in a sunny location. Choose a site with good drainage.

### There are two basic rules for planting flower bulbs:

1. The pointy end always goes up. It doesn't matter what kind of bulb you are planting, it has a pointy end. This is where the leaves of the plant will come up. While it is true that you can plant the pointy end down and the bulb will still grow, if you do this, you are unnecessarily stressing the plant.
2. Plant the bulb 2-2 1/2 times deeper than the size of the bulb so if your bulb is a small 1 inch bulb you would plant the bulb 2 to 2 1/2 inches deep. Improve poor soil by adding organic matter. Mix some bone meal into the soil at the bottom of the planting hole to promote rooting.

Place bulbs in the hole at correct depth, cover with soil and firm the soil slightly.

Water thoroughly after planting, during the growing and the blooming period.

Fertilize periodically using **Jacks Classic Water Soluble 20-20-20**.

