



About Tulips

Tulip flower buds are known for being nearly perfectly symmetrical. Add to that the wide array of beautiful colors and ease of planting, and it's easy to see what they are a spring gardener's staple.

When to Plant

Plant bulbs in the fall, about 6-8 weeks before a hard frost is expected.

Where to Plant

Tulips perform best in full sun but will tolerate some shade. Plant in well-draining soil. Tall varieties need to be sheltered from strong winds. Ensure you have enough room to space bulbs 6 inches apart.

How to Plant

Plant bulbs deep-deeper than 10 inches in warmer climates. The deeper you plant a tulip, the more resilient it will be.

To avoid having your tulips standing by themselves in spring, place bulbs close to one another when planting- as close as 6 inches.

Caring for Tulips

Strictly speaking, tulip bulbs cannot be guaranteed to flower for more than one season. However, to encourage your tulips to bloom for several years, we recommend that you do the following:

- Plant bulbs deep.
- Fertilize the bulbs with a low-nitrogen fertilizer when foliage pushes through in the spring.
- Remove spent flowers as soon as the bulbs finish blooming.
- Allow foliage to wither completely before you remove it.
- Avoid summer irrigation. Tulips prefer to be dry during their dormancy
- Almost all Darwin Hybrid Tulips have proven to be good perennials, so they would be your best bet if you are looking for years of colorful blooms.