

# Fall HOME LAWN & GARDEN

## Tips for planting flowering bulbs in containers



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varieties in two or three layers, or in combination with shrubs. In areas suffering from heavy winds and harsh frosts, group patio pots together against a sheltered wall, or cover them with materials like bubble wrap. You can also move them to an unheated shed where temperatures remain at or below 13 degrees centigrade. The only after-care required is watering during dry spells, and removing faded flowers.

Planted in pots and window boxes, flower bulbs bring the bright colors of Spring practically inside your home. And there are plenty for you to choose from!

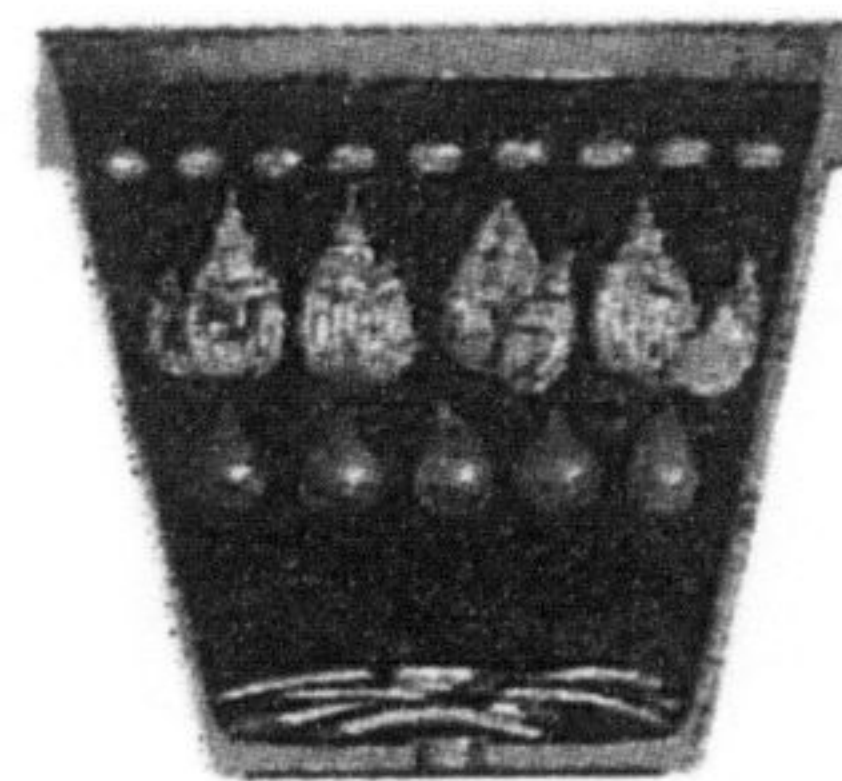
Try planting double and single early dwarf tulips. Triumph, greigii, and kaufmanniana are also superb choices. Mix them with colorful hyacinths, narcissi, grape hyacinths, Anemone blanda, Chionodoxa, botanical Iris varieties, puschkinia, scilla, snow-

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To ensure you always get the best results...

- Plant flower bulbs in pots for a unique look.
- Mix flower bulbs of different heights to get a visually stunning effect.
- Starting from early spring, flower bulbs can give you a dazzling array of colors.
- Mixtures of bulbs with overlapping flowering times ensure continuous, long lasting colors.
- Shady corners can be brightened considerably with flower bulbs in pots.



- Plant flower bulbs among shrubs or perennials to guarantee an even wider range of colorful effects.

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## Fall is the time to plant trees, shrubs, & evergreens

### Planting Instructions

You have purchased a healthy living plant. Keep it that way by taking the following steps:

1. Upon your arrival at home, place the plant in the shade and keep moist until planted.
2. Dig a hole, minimum 30-40 cm larger than the pot, ball or root spread.
3. Rough the sides and bottom of the hole to help drainage and root penetration.
4. Clay soil: Plant minimum 10-15 cm above the surrounding soil. Backfill with a mixture of topsoil, manure and peat moss.
5. Sandy soil: Backfill with a good gardening mix.
6. Before backfilling: All restraints must be cut away from the trunk, (wire, burlap, plastic containers). Fibre pots should be cut off. Unless plant is rooted, then remove rim and severely cut pot. Root bound plants should have the rootball cut lengthwise.
7. Trees should be staked and tied.
8. Spread mulch or compost around the base to keep plants moist. Feed twice yearly at the surface.
9. Roses should be planted with the bud (bump on stem), 2" below the surface.
10. Water as needed 2-3 times weekly during 1st year.

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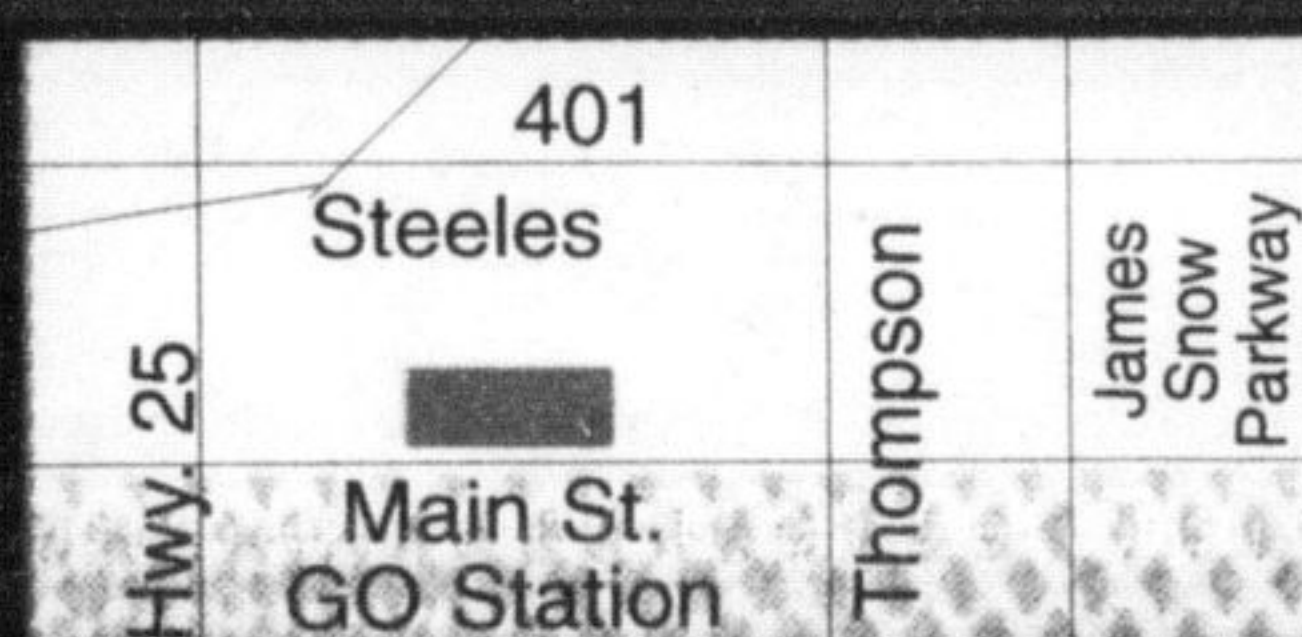


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