

# ALLIUM AT-A-GLANCE

## ABOUT

- Grown as ornamental perennials
- Part of the chive family
- Bulbs are planted in the fall
- Each bulb produces low-lying foliage with one long hollow stems and one large spherical “cake pop” like bloom
- Best when planted in clusters
- If can't plant immediately, store bulbs in dry, cool place with lots of air circulation



## PLANTING BULBS

- Plant a few weeks before first hard freeze in the fall
- Make a hole a depth that is double the diameter of the bulb
- Add some compost into soil
- Place bulb with pointy end up
- Top with a 50/50 mix of compost and soil
- Optional: Can add bone meal
- Lightly tamp down & water well
- Bulbs will go dormant in winter
- Green foliage will begin to sprout in early spring
- Plants bloom in mid to late spring

## STATS

- Varieties from 6" to 5' tall
- Space 6-8" apart
- Bloom colors of purple, red, pink, white, and blue
- Over 700 varieties available

## MAINTENANCE

- Little to no water needed unless drought-like conditions
- No fertilizer or mulch needed
- Spent blooms may be trimmed but leave foliage until fully dead

## REQUIREMENTS

- Hardiness Zones 4-10
- Most need full sun
- Soil pH of 5.5-6.5
- Fertile, well-draining soil
- Soil temp of 60° F or lower

## ISSUES

- Downy mildew and root rot
- Does not tolerate wet conditions

## MISC

- Can make cut flowers. Remove blooms when they are 1/4 open
- Dried blooms can also be displayed in floral arrangements
- Most are self seeders



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